

Relentless

WEEK 2 – FAITH OVER FAMILIAR

BIG IDEA:

Jesus wants to build faith in us that will last no matter what we face. The worst thing that can happen is we settle. We don't want to do that. We need a revelation from God, a fresh word/perspective. God is constantly revealing his truth and your faith will increase the more you experience the revelation of God's truth. Revelations are inspiration. Don't let past familiarity rob from God's revelation today!

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 14:22-31 "Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does faith grow?

Key Point #1: Familiar is the Enemy of Faith

2. What is familiar to you? (in life in general but also in your spiritual life).
3. What have you settled for?

Key Point #2: It takes no Faith to Stay in the Boat

4. Where is God trying to stretch you? How are you responding to that stretching? Are you satisfied by your response?
5. Have you experienced a time when God led you to a place that felt "unsafe"? What was that experience like?

Key Point #3: Obedience Produces Faith

6. What storm or difficulty are you avoiding that might be God trying to build your faith?

MOVING FORWARD:

What if the storm you're currently in is exactly where Jesus wants you to be? He knows you are in it, perhaps he is doing/allowing it so He can build something in your faith that He could not have built any other way? Could it be the one thing you have been trying to avoid is exactly what you need for God to show you His presence and for Him to do something in your life that He couldn't do any other way to build your faith and endurance? Step away from familiar and step towards Jesus. It's the little things you do step by step that grow your faith over time. As a group, discuss how you personally need to step away from the familiar and step (even if just a small step) toward Jesus?