

Relentless

WEEK 3 – IF IT’S YOU

BIG IDEA:

Many of us this is where we are, living in faith, but we want control. What if whatever you are straining to get through today, with God, you can just walk on? What if what everyone else around you is straining with, God wants to show you, with Him, you have the power to just stroll over it. What if God wants to build endurance in your life to prepare you for the good, bad, and ugly?

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. What is it you are trying to control?

Key Point #1: Control is the Opposite of Faith.

2. What could be distracting you from being able to see Jesus in your situation?

Key Point #2: Who’s in My Boat?

3. Who is in your boat? Who do you go to for advice? Do you have community? If not, who could you invite into your circle?

Key Point #3: What Have I Mislabeled?

4. Has God showed up in a past season of life in a way you were not expecting? How did you know it was God? How can that experience speak into your perspective in your current season of life?

Key Point #4: The Call to Come in Faith is not Exclusive.

5. Through this message/series, how is the Holy Spirit prompting you? How might God be inviting you to step out of the boat?
6. And what about the next step after that? What does it look like to actually walk by faith?

MOVING FORWARD:

Jesus wanted Peter to have the faith to walk on water, but knew he lacked enough to do it, so he did for Peter what he does for all of us. He lifts us up, He rescues us when we don’t have enough faith. The storm was never supposed to reveal the lack of Peter’s faith - it was to display the grace of God, through Jesus and to bring us to a deeper place of faith and trust in our relationship with him. A storm can drown you or a storm can be setting for God to do a miracle in your life. Discuss as a group; how can you have enough faith

in the current circumstances of your life to say, “Jesus, if it’s you, then I’ll come”. This is an opportunity be vulnerable with those in your boat!