



## WEEK 7 - COURAGEOUS ACTION

Arrival, Connecting, and Snack Together: (15 Minutes) Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing.

Opening Prayer: (2 Minutes) Have someone open your time together in prayer.

Pacing Your Group: You have about 60 minutes to discuss this week's lesson. Move fairly quickly through the observation and reflection sections so that you have margin for discussion and surrender. Be sure to take at least 10 minutes to pray together at the end of your group!

Scripture Reading: Have someone read the passage for this week's study, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Re-read the passage as you move through and discuss the questions.

*Matthew 14:22-33*

Observation:

1. In what uncommon way did Jesus join up with His disciples? What was their first reaction to seeing Him?
2. What bold thing did Peter ask to do? How did it go for Peter?

Reflection:

3. What are some common ways that Jesus invites us to step out of our comfort zones?
4. What are some common causes of doubt when we do step out of our comfort zones?

Discussion:

5. In your life story, where has Jesus invited you to step out of your comfort zone? How did it go for you?
6. What doubts and fears threaten your faith in responding to God's invitations in your life? Where do you think these doubts and fears come from?

Surrender:

7. What will you do when you feel like your spiritual life is sinking?
8. Throughout this study, God has been speaking and moving in your group. Take some time to share some of the specific lessons, ideas, and breakthroughs that have helped you in your walk with God.

Closing Prayer: Pray for each other in light of what was shared today and throughout this study.