IMPOSSiBLE

Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

Jay Everett taught a message entitled, "How to Survive and Thrive in a Storm" from Matthew 14:22-34. In this story, Jesus' disciples faced an impossible situation in the form of a severe storm at sea. We learned four lessons about how to handle situations like this!

1. Storms are often encountered in obedience (v.22)

• Talk about a couple of reasons why God sometimes allows us to go through a storm while we're being obedient to Him.

2. Even when you don't see Jesus, He sees you (v.23-24)

- Have you been tempted to believe that during your current storm(s), Jesus doesn't see your situation? Why or why not?
- How does the reminder that <u>He does see</u> you and <u>He does care</u> for you encourage you right now?

APPLICATION

3. The water that threatens you is under His feet (v.25-26)

- The disciples felt most threatened by the waves and the water. What do you feel most threatened by right now?
- When you feel those fears rising, how can you remind yourself that Jesus is bigger than the thing you fear?

4. Don't forget God's promises, and expect Him to perform his promises (v.34)

- What is one promise of God that you need to take to heart right now?
- What practical step can you take today to incorporate that promise into your life?

PRAYER Pray that those facing storms in your small group would be encouraged by this story!



