



FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



DATE: September 21, 2025
SPEAKER: Peter Bergeson

TITLE: Walking on Water
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:22-36

OPENING PRAYER ICE BREAKER

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. What does this story reveal about the temperament of Peter? Of the other eleven?
2. Are you like them in any way?
3. In the Old Testament, the storm that Jonah faced was because of his disobedience. In Matthew 14, the disciples faced contrary winds even though they were obeying Jesus.
4. How do you account for this?
5. Does following Jesus mean less trouble or more trouble for us?
6. Read the account of Jesus calming an earlier storm in Matthew 8:23-27.
7. What differences do you see in the disciples' reaction to the storm? In their reaction to Jesus' actions?
8. When Jesus told Peter that he had little faith, do you think he was angry or smiling?
9. What does this story reveal about who Jesus is?
10. In what area of life are you rowing against the wind, and need stronger faith?
11. What is the purpose of the trials that enter our lives? (Read 1 Peter 1:6-7)

APPLICATION

1. What is your nagging unanswered question?
2. What did you want to hear that you didn't hear from the message?
3. How can we get to know God as He is and not in the limited way we do now?
4. Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion. Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life? What does God want you to know or do?
5. What's one thing from this text that you could say to a believer/unbeliever about who God is?

PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text. Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE FOR SEPTEMBER:

Matthew 5:6-8 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

REMINDERS

Small Group Checklist

- We suggest you serve 1x every six weeks or so. Discuss ideas.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!!
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Go through the Announcements in the Bulletin together to see what is coming up at FCC and how you can get plugged in! Here are a couple of those things - all registrations can be found on the events tab of the website.

-MEMBERSHIP CLASSES:

We have two different opportunities for you to join us for a new member orientation class if you are thinking about becoming a member here at FCC. Register online for Tuesday, October 7th at 5:30pm or Saturday, October 18th at 9am.

-YOUTH GROUP KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 24th!

If you have children in grades 6-12th we encourage you to get them registered and join us on September 24th for our kickoff! FCC Youth Group is also looking for help with meals. Check out the website for signups to serve the meal or donate items to our food pantry.