

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 14:22-36

"Faith in the Son of God"

- 1) Jesus wanted to get away by himself for uninterrupted prayer. How is your prayer life? How have you seen God work in your life through the power of prayer?

What do you do – or what can you do – to focus better in your prayer time?

- 2) In the midst of the disciples' fear, Jesus says, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." We saw that this is one of Jesus' "I AM" statements. What is the significance of this?

How does it help us in the midst of storms in life to know that God himself is with us?

- 3) Peter essentially asks Jesus to walk on the water in the midst of the storm. Do you think you would have done the same? Why or why not?

- 4) Why does Peter begin to sink?

How do you see people distracted and losing focus in their walk with the Lord? How have you seen that happen in your own life?

- 5) What does Peter cry out when he begins to sink? Why is this significant?

- 6) When Jesus saves Peter and steps into the boat, the storm stops and the disciples worship him as "the Son of God." What is the magnitude of their worshiping Jesus as the Son of God?

Why is it important that Jesus came as truly man and truly God?

- 7) How is it encouraging to know that even though we lose focus on God in our walk, he doesn't lose focus and still loves us?

- 8) Are there any storms in life you are going through – or have gone through – that have contributed to your losing focus on Christ? How can we pray for you in that?

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying "Truly you are the Son of God."

- Matthew 14:33