

Discussion Questions

Prepare for the discussion by reading the passage together and quietly mulling it over in your mind. Put yourself in the boat with the disciples. What do you see? What do you feel? How do you respond to this figure coming into focus in the middle of the night in the middle of the sea? What are you thinking?

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. John 6:16-21

1. Share one thing that you got out of the message that you had not seen, considered or realized until you heard the message. It's okay if you heard nothing that you hadn't heard before. It's a familiar story and frequently preached upon because it's so vivid.
2. How did you celebrate Halloween over the years? Have you ever watched a scary movie, heard a creepy ghost story, or walked through one of those scary houses or corn mazes that are featured during the Halloween season and regretted experiencing it? How has it affected you over the years?
3. Have you ever experienced a supernatural or paranormal event? How did you react to it?
4. How does knowing God is holy (He is above, beyond, Lord of the supernatural world) help you with the various storms you experience?
5. What internal and external storms are you facing now and how can we pray for you?
6. Share a particular storm you faced and how you faced it?
7. Do you think we as a nation, state, and community are handling the current viral storm right or do you think we are being overly affected by fear or are not

taking it seriously enough? Was there anything from the message that would help us face this storm better?

8. How does knowing the power of God help us face the storms of life?

9. Have you always understood why God allowed certain storms in your life? Is there a storm you knew exactly why he allowed it? Is there a storm or two that you still do not understand why he allowed it?

10. Share ways God used storms in your life to grow you. Do we grow more in sunny times or stormy times? Why is that?

11. Anything else you'd like to share but haven't yet?