

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 5-16-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What are some of the most unbelievable stories you've ever heard?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Mark 9:14-29, Mark 5:22-34 "Unshakable in the face of doubt"

Digging Deeper:

 Read Matthew 14:22-33

1. Can you put this passage into your own words? Think about the disciples at this time experiencing the wind, no sleep and seeing a "ghost".
2. In the passage, Jesus relates fear with doubt (vs. 30-31) What are the ways or reasons people have had doubts concerning Jesus, which arose from experiences or storms? Can you share personally?
3. Considering the boat represents safety, what does it mean for you to get out of the boat?
4. Matt. 9:2, 22, and Mark 10:46-52 all speak of courage related to someone's faith. How might courage work alongside faith in your life?
5. The storm didn't stop until Peter was back in the boat. What are the ways you can live with faith in the midst of your storm?

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?