

Get Out Of The Boat | Week 1

If you want to walk on the water, then you've got to get out of the boat. Where in your life are you letting fear make the decisions for you? People may criticize Peter for sinking, but only two people in all of history have walked on water. Timid souls stay in comfort; the bold and brave step out and grow.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- This past weekend, people in our church had the opportunity to say “Yes” to Jesus. Who in your life are you praying will meet Jesus? Have you invited this person to church?
- This coming weekend is baptism weekend. Is anyone in the group getting baptized?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [Matthew 14:25-31](#).

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question from the Video:

1. What decision have you been afraid to make?

Scripture Observation:

2. Read [Matthew 14:25-31](#). Circle Jesus's words “Take courage” and “Come.”
 - What do these invitations reveal about Jesus's desire for Peter?

Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:

3. Peter was afraid when he saw the wind, but he was also the only disciple who experienced walking on water. What does this teach us about the relationship between fear, faith, and growth?
4. When Peter started to sink, Jesus immediately reached out and caught him. What does this reveal about Jesus' character and His response when we step out in faith but struggle?
5. Read the rest of the passage ([Matthew 14:32-33](#)).
 - How did the disciples respond after witnessing Peter's experience and Jesus calming the storm?
 - What does this teach us about how our steps of faith can impact others?

Personal Application:

6. This past weekend, Chad taught four principles of stepping out in faith: Accept that fear is always a part of growth; Choose growth over comfort; Make friends with failure and learn to fail forward; Grow with God.
 - Which of these are you most challenged by and why?
7. What step of faith do you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to take?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Jesus, thank you for who you are. Thank you for loving us right where we are, and at the same time, calling us to continue growing in our faith by taking courageous steps. Help us to have the courage to take the steps you are asking us to take. Amen.

Practices to Help You Grow This Week

- Identify one area where Jesus is calling you to step out in faith
- Take one courageous step this week, even if you're afraid
- Share with your group what happened when you got out of the boat

Announcements

- Baptisms are next weekend (April 18/19)! If you have said Yes to Jesus but have never been baptized, this is your next step in following Him. Sign up at baptism.sv.cc.
- Baptism weekends are also a great time to invite a friend to church who does not know Jesus. They will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and witness life change. Who will you invite to join you for church next weekend?