

Life Group Homework

JOHN 6:16-21 – JESUS THE MASTER OF THE STORM

Getting Started:

1. What are some things that draw or move people to follow a leader?
2. What are some things that draw or move people to follow a particular religion?
3. What are some things that draw or move people to follow Christ?
4. Were any of your answers for Question 3 different than your answers for Questions 1 and 2? If yes, why were they different?

Digging In:

1. In *John 6*, verse 15 tells us that Jesus withdrew to the mountain to avoid those who wanted to make Him king. What motivated the people who sought to force Jesus to be king and why did the “King of Kings” want to avoid being crowned?
2. In *John 6:26* it said that the people did not seem to grasp the signs but instead only wanted bread. *John 6:31* shows that John is right. What does the bread-seeker truly want and how is that different from the sign-seeker?

3. What might Jesus have been praying about when He went up on the mountain?

4. How frustrated would you be with Jesus if He made you get into a boat and row against the wind so that you are stuck out in the middle of the lake at 3:00am?

5. How would the act of walking across the water help the disciples to adjust their perception of Jesus? (See *Matthew 14:33*)

6. Why had the disciples failed to adjust their perception of Jesus after the feeding of the five thousand? (See *Mark 6:51-52* and put yourself in the place of the disciples.)

7. Why is John the only Gospel writer who records the reaction of the crowd that was left on the other side of the sea? What point might he be trying to make by including their reaction?

Living It Out:

1. Are there ways that we seek Jesus today with the same mentality as the Jews who wanted to make Him king? Do we have certain expectations of what we think Jesus should save us from that might differ from what He actually came to accomplish?
2. Jerry said, “We need to get to know Jesus as He is, not as we hope He will be.” What are some of the things that we hope Jesus would be that are not really in-line with who He is? When are some instances where Jesus truly does not match what we want?
3. Read *Philippians 3:7-11* (especially verse 10) and discuss what it takes to know who Christ truly is. How does this put our struggles and sorrows into perspective so that we can better endure them with joy?

NOTE TO LEADERS:

PLEASE DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS. FEEL FREE TO SELECT THOSE QUESTIONS THAT BEST FIT YOUR GROUP AND ONLY FOCUS ON THOSE. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR STUDY!