

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC Pastor Phill and Sara
 WORSHIP SONG 10,000 Reasons
 PRAYER
 LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Peace
 MEDIA Prince of heaven
 UPDATES Pastor Phill and Sara
 BIBLE READING Matthew 14:13-33
 WORSHIP SONG King of love and grace (Guardian)
 MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
 WORSHIP SONG High and Holy (What can I do?)



Building Great Faith #5
Out of the comfort zone ministry
Matthew 14:13-33

1. Personal ministry enables us to experience God's _____ in our _____.

'When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.' Matthew 14:13 NIV

'When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy some food."' Matthew 14:14-15 NIV

'Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."' Matthew 14:16 NIV

2. Personal ministry does what _____ can do and trust _____ to do what only he can do.

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.' Matthew 14:17-19 NIV

'They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about 5,000 men, besides women and children.' Matthew 14:20-21 NIV

3. Personal ministry _____ our faith _____.

'Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.'

Matthew 14:22 NIV

'After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.' Matthew 14:23-24 NIV

'During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.'

Matthew 14:25-26 NIV

'But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."' Matthew 14:27 NIV

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus.' Matthew 14:28-29 NIV

'But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"' Matthew 14:30-31 NIV

'And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."' Matthew 14:32-33 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been asked individually or in a group setting to serve in a church or ministry related context? What has your initial response been to those kinds of requests?
2. Have you ever sensed that God was urging you to do something, yet you refused to do it because you felt inadequate or unprepared? If so, what was it? Why did you refuse?
3. When have you ever said yes to something God was urging you to do for which you felt unprepared? What was the impact of that experience on your faith?
4. Read Matthew 14:13-17. The disciples used the size of the crowd and their lack of food as excuses to not do what Jesus asked. What excuses have you used?
5. As you consider the disciples' excuses, what were they forgetting to factor into the equation?
6. Read Matthew 14:18-21. What talent, skill, experience, expertise, or ability do you have that, like the loaves and fish, don't appear to be things God could use in a significant way?
7. The disciples did what they knew how to do. They passed out the broken pieces of bread and fish. And God blessed their efforts and allowed them to accomplish far more than they could have in their own strength. What is the lesson for us?
8. What opportunities do you sense God opening for you to practice an act of personal ministry?



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