

Boat trip number _____.

3. Fear tests _____.

'When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum.' John 6:16-17 NIV

'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

'By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them.' John 6:17 NIV

'A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water.' John 6:18-19 NIV

4. Jesus' presence _____ faith.

'They saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified.' John 6:19 NIV

'"It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.' Matthew 14:26 NIV

'But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.' John 6:20-21 NIV

A new _____.

A new _____.

A new _____.

They _____ not.

'But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "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. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"' Matthew 14:27-31 NIV

'Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.' 1 Peter 5:7 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Most Life Groups are not meeting this week as we are gathering together for our monthly prayer meeting on Tuesday evening. However, here are some questions for you to use in your personal devotions.

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how fearful are you?
2. When fear comes your way, what is your go-to coping mechanism?
3. Read Matthew 8:23–27, then the same account in Mark 4:35–41. What stands out to you? What details does Matthew point out that Mark doesn't and vice versa?
4. Read John 6:16-24, then the same account in Matthew 14:22–32. What stands out to you? What details does John point out that Matthew doesn't and vice versa?
5. If you could summarize the point of both these two stories in one sentence, what do you think the authors are trying to get across?
6. Read Matthew 10:28–31. What are some things people fear that can "kill the body but cannot kill the soul"?
7. What is your biggest fear about the future?
8. What would it look like or sound like for you to take Peter's advice and "cast all your cares on Jesus"?

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