



“It’s Not About the Water”

Matthew 14: 22-33

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Pick the questions that work best for your group; you don’t have to answer all of them.

- Re-read Matthew 14:22–33
- If you were in the boat that night, what do you think you would have been feeling or thinking?
- Why do you think the disciples were more afraid when they saw Jesus than when they faced the storm?
- The sermon suggests the story isn’t mainly about the miracle, but about where Peter fixed his gaze. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- What does it look like, practically, to “fix your eyes on Jesus” in everyday life?
- What are some “winds and waves” that tend to pull your focus away from Jesus?
- Jesus says, “Why did you doubt?”—how do you hear that question: as correction, invitation, or something else?
- How have you experienced God meeting you in a moment of fear, doubt, or failure?
- The sermon described a pattern: call → fear → reassurance → decision → doubt → rescue. Where do you see yourself in that pattern right now?
- In your life right now, what might represent “the boat” (comfort, control, safety, routine)?
- Do you sense God inviting you to step out in any specific way?
- What fears or obstacles are making that step difficult?
- Who in your life right now is in need of hope in the midst of the storm they’re facing?
- What would it look like for you to help point someone toward Jesus this week?
- How can we, as a group, be a community that helps people “get out of the boat”?
- What is one specific way you want to “fix your eyes on Jesus” this week?
- What is one step of faith you feel prompted to take?

Reminders:

Check Us Out: Check Us Out is a two-part class where you will hear more about what we believe and care about here at Harpeth, as well as a pathway to membership. Classes take place during the 9:00am service, so feel free to check your kids into DiscipleSHIP Kids and head on over. Coffee and bagels provided! Scan the QR Code to register.

Part 1 - Sunday, April 26th at 9:00am
Part 2 - Sunday, May 3rd at 9:00am



Senior Celebration Weekend: Saturday, May 16th is the Senior Breakfast in the Student Center! Sunday, May 17th is Student Takeover, Fundraiser, and Senior Recognition during both services. **Please contact caitlynr@harpethcc.com to let us know your senior will be participating!** We want all seniors to be included in this special time. We are also in need of donations for the silent auction during the fundraiser, so contact Caitlyn if you’d like to donate!