

## Called Out Of Darkness

**Open The Conversation:** Share something good from this week.

**Key Scripture:** Read the following together.

*22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."*

*Matthew 14:22-33*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

**Start Sharing:** Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- What fears or doubts are keeping you from fully trusting Jesus in the middle of your storms?
- Where in your life are you choosing to stay in the darkness instead of inviting Jesus into it?
- Do you actively listen for God's voice through His word? What might change if you did that consistently?
- What do you notice when comparing how each Gospel tells the story of Jesus walking on water? Why do you think the perspectives are different?
- How does Peter's desire to walk on the water reflect a deeper longing we all share for Jesus in the midst of our struggles?
- What would it look like for us as a group to help each other step out in faith and keep our eyes on Jesus, even when it's hard?

**Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.**

*“God, thank you for reaching out to us in the midst of our storms and fear. Help our trust and faith in You to grow and strengthen. We long for you Jesus. Amen.”*