

Sermon Discussion Guide



Signs: The Journey


John 6:15-21

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stood out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Have you ever been on a boat in stormy seas?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

THE JOURNEY: THE ROUGH WATER

- 3 Has anyone ever told you that following Jesus should result in a life free from pain or difficulty? Have you ever believed that?
- 4 Do you think of yourself as unflappable, tough, determined, strong, capable of handling anything?
- 5 Have you ever experienced pain that drove you to your knees, that shattered the illusion of your invincibility?

THE JOURNEY: THE RESCUER

- 6 *Terrifying Rescuer.* Why were the disciples more afraid of Jesus than the storm? What was significant about Jesus' statement, "It is I"? How does the God that modern man wants compare to the God of the Bible?
- 7 *Tender Rescuer.* How does Jesus show his tenderness toward his disciples, and toward us? Have you ever felt God's presence with you in the midst of a storm?
- 8 *A Sacrificial Rescuer.* How does Jesus getting the disciples to the other side "immediately" picture the gospel? What was the point of the illustration of the USA cross country skier? How is Jesus the second and better Jonah?
- 9 Read Mark 6:51-52. What was the connection between Jesus walking on the water and the feeding of the five thousand? Why do you think we struggle so much with "under-belief"?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?