

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 8: Neighbors to Nations
Episode 3: Walk on Water
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LEADER NOTES – The Neighbors to Nations Guide includes questions designed to help you and your group go deeper into Scripture and the sermon each week. Some of these questions will also be included in the weekly curriculum. Encourage your group members to review these questions and think through their answers before coming to group.

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2026 Fall trimester: 8/17–12/7 2027 - Spring: 1/4 - 5/17 Summer: 6/7 - 7/26 Fall: 8/23 - 12/6

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Serve as a group with Our Partners: Help assemble the Bibles we give away to individuals and organizations. Learn more.

Christmas Toy Drive for Foster Care: Your group can fulfill a child's wish list by partnering with Family Support Services of North Florida. Click here for more information.

All of our Holiday Serve opportunities with our Outreach partners are here: Keep following the page as it's updated between now and Christmas.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for Apple or Android. Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *Pray every day and ask God: What is my role in the great commission in my giving, growing and going?* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Memory Verse: *Matthew 14:30-31*

Sermon Text: *Matthew 14:22–33; 1 Peter 1:3*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer *every* question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper. **The answers in parentheses** are simply possible responses.

- **Read Matthew 14:22–33. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**

- ***Discover:*** **Read Matthew 14:22-26. The disciples were in the middle of a storm while obeying Jesus. How does this situation challenge the idea of what it should be like to follow God?** *(It's not always easy and comfortable. Hard things are not a sign that God is not in it. Everything God called folks to in the Bible is HARD.)*
  Deepen: **Share a time when you know you heard God and He sent you into a storm. How did it turn out?**

- **Reread Matthew 14:27. What are three things Jesus is saying to the disciples, and us, that will help us navigate life's storms?** *("Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." We can get our emotions under control by remembering that the Prince of Peace is with us, brings His peace to us, and we have not been given a spirit of fear. Instead of focusing on the fearful circumstances, we can fill our minds with the truth of the Word of God.)*

- ***Discover:*** **Peter began to sink when he focused on the wind instead of Jesus. What is distracting you from Jesus the most right now: fear, finances, comfort, failure, approval, control, lies of the world?**
  Deepen: **How can you turn your focus more to Jesus?**

- ***Discover:*** **Read Matthew 14:29-30. When Peter began to sink Jesus immediately reached down and caught him. What does this reveal about the heart of Jesus toward struggling believers?** *("Lord save me," is a prayer Jesus will answer. Will you cry out? HE SEES YOU! Jesus is the only one who, when you find Him, will never fail you, and when you fail Him, He will still save and forgive you.)*
  Deepen: **How can that knowledge change how you approach risk, obedience and failure in obeying Him?**

- ***Discover:*** **Forgetfulness is the enemy of our faith. Share a time when God was faithful to you through difficult circumstances.**
  Deepen: **Discuss things we can do to help us remember His faithfulness when we face challenges in the future.**

- **Read Matthew 14: 28-29. Peter asked Jesus to call him out onto the water. What would help you have the courage to ask Jesus to lead you out of your comfort for His glory?**

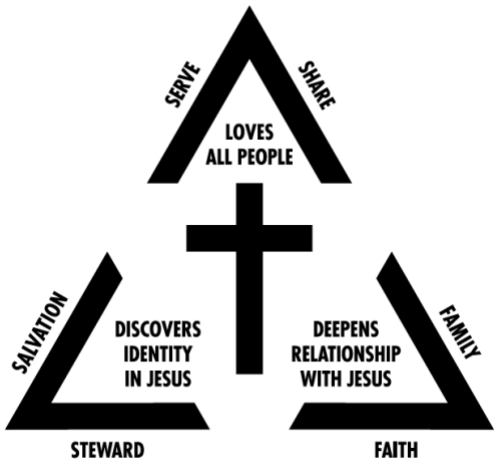
- ***Discover:*** **What would you do for the glory of God if you knew it wouldn't fail? See action step below.** *(Without faith it's impossible to please God. God will put you in places to grow your faith.)*
  Deepen: **What specific step of obedience can you take this week?**

Action Step: If you didn't do this during worship, text GO to 44-1122 and answer the question: What would you do for the glory of God if you knew it wouldn't fail? View how others have answered here.

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