

Connect Group Lesson 5-22-22

Welcome

Opening Question: What is the most interesting encounter you have had with a wild or unusual animal? OR, What do you take into consideration when buying a new pair of socks (do you give it serious thought or just grab some)?

Worship

Word

Read Matthew 14:22-33 and answer the following questions.

- 1) What does Jesus do at the beginning of the passage?
- 2) Jesus sent the crowds away to pray. What does this suggest about the importance of prayer?
- 3) What is the situation with the Disciples in the middle of the night? How would you have felt in their situation?
- 4) What was the initial reaction to the Disciples seeing Jesus? How does He attempt to calm their fears?
- 5) What is Peter's response? What happens?
- 6) After Jesus climbs into the boat, what is the reaction of the disciples?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) The Disciples had to learn to trust Jesus. What helped them to build trust?
- 2) What things in your life help(ed) you to build trust in God?
- 3) When Peter kept his eyes on Christ, he was able to participate in a miracle. When he looked away, he began to sink. How can our fears keep us from experiencing the good things God has for us?
- 4) What are the biggest obstacles for you to live a life of trust?
- 5) How are faith and trust related?
- 6) Read Hebrews 11:6. Comment.
- 7) Living in faith means we need to trust God even when we don't know where He is leading. What is the hardest about this? What can help us to be willing to follow in uncertainty?
- 8) Read 2 Corinthians 5:7
- 9) Someday believers will be able to look back and see how God was at work in uncertainties and difficulties. Read the following verses and comment: Romans 8:28 and 1 Corinthians 13:12.
- 10) Can you think of a time when you obeyed God even though you didn't know where he was leading AND were able to experience His blessing because of your trust and obedience?
- 11) Why is trust necessary to grow in our Christian walk?

Works

Share any opportunities you have had to share Christ and His love.
Pray that you would be a good witness with people God has put into your life.