

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt overwhelmed or afraid, but someone unexpectedly showed up to help? Share your experience with the group.

1. What stood out to you in this passage?

- Pastor Dan mentioned 3 possible ways to read this passage: 1 As an allegory, 2. As Jesus waking on the beach and boat was close or 3. As it is written – word for word – How do you read it?

The Setting

2. In **John 6:15**, Jesus withdraws to the mountain alone. Why do you think He did this?

3. How does Jesus' action of walking on water demonstrate His divine nature?

- See **Job 9:8**

The Storm

5. The disciples were struggling against the wind and waves. What "storms" are you currently facing in your life? See: **Hebrews 1, Colossians 1, Matthew 28**

The Sign

6. What do you think is significant about Jesus saying, "*It is I; do not be afraid*" (**John 6:20**)?

- I AM! I AM! Do not be afraid – see **Exodus 3:14-15**

Jesus came to the disciples in their time of need.

- How have you experienced God's presence during difficult times?

7. The passage says, "*They were glad to take Him into the boat*" (**John 6:21**).

Why was it so important for the disciples to understand that Jesus is Lord of everything?

- How can we be more welcoming of Jesus' presence in our daily lives?

8. Discuss together the outlined sermon by George Morrison:

1. Peter began to sink in familiar waters
2. He began to sink after loyal discipleship
3. He began on a permitted path
4. He began when he started to fear

5. When he began to sink, his Saviour wasn't far away
- How does this outline help you with your perspective when it comes to your own storms?

9. Set aside time each day to "withdraw" like Jesus did, spending quiet moments in prayer or reflection. What difference do you think this could make in your life?

Prayer