



Mark: A Journey with Jesus | | Jesus Walks on Water
Mark 6:45-52

We have been in Mark now for a couple of months and the recurring message is that **Mark is teaching us what it means to follow Jesus, to be His disciple.**

- *How would you define a disciple? What are the characteristics and qualities of a disciple of Jesus?*

Read Mark 6:45-52 as a group; be sure to focus in on what you think are key words in this passage.

- *Why do you think Jesus commanded the disciples to get on a boat, go to the other side and rest?*
- *Reread verse 48: Is there anything significant in this verse that stands out to you?*

Our expectations affect what we think reality should be. Many times, our spirits are crushed because our expectations are not met.

- *Do you think the disciples expected to encounter a storm since they were following Jesus' command?*
- *Have you ever experienced a time in your life where you were being obedient to what the Lord called you to do yet you encountered storms along the way?*
 - *If so, how did you handle it and how did it make you feel?*

The pattern established in this story, is a pattern for our lives with Jesus. He gives a command, we make painful progress and struggle, we may feel abandoned, God's command still stands, and then **Jesus gives a rescue, ultimately giving us what we really needed.**

- *Could anyone give out an example of this pattern showing itself in his or her lives?*
 - *{Command—Struggle—Feeling Abandoned—Command—Rescue}*

Scripture is clear that following Jesus will result in having struggles in our life. **Even though God may not bring you out of the struggle, He has promised that He will walk through them with you.**

- *Knowing this truth, how does it make your feel about your own relationship with Jesus?*
- *In what struggle, do you do you currently feel an invitation from God to grow?*

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