



DIG DEEPER

questions

July 20: Fishing Trip *Luke 5:1-11*

1. Why do you think Peter was doubtful he would get a catch of fish? What was he relying on in his assessment of the situation?
2. What do you think was the purpose of the miraculous catch of fish?
3. What changed in Peter's life that he was willing to leave his fishing business on the shore and follow Jesus?
4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. Where does saving faith come from? Why is it important that it's God who gives us faith rather than it coming from ourselves?
5. Martin Luther suggests there are 3 kinds of faith:
 - Historical faith (knowing the facts about Christ)
 - Temporary faith (emotional response without true conversion)
 - Justifying faith (true saving faith)

Which kinds of faith have you experienced?

6. If you feel you have never experienced justifying faith, are you ready to receive this free gift from God? Just like Peter, you can recognize your sinful nature but be fully forgiven through the saving grace of Jesus. The Bible says God is "faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

If you have received that gift today, please tell a pastor or staff member about it and receive some next steps!

Family Questions

1. Why do you think Peter didn't think he would catch any fish? What was he thinking about when he decided this?
2. Why do you think Jesus made the miracle happen with all those fish?
3. What changed Peter's heart so much that he was willing to leave his fishing boat and follow Jesus?
4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Where does the faith that saves us come from?
5. If you've never really trusted Jesus to save you, would you like to receive this free gift from God? Just like Peter, you can know you've done wrong things but be completely forgiven because of Jesus.
6. If you decided to trust Jesus today, please tell your family so they can help you know what to do next!



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July 27: Stormy Weather *Matthew 14:22-33*

1. Why do you think Jesus sent his disciples out on the Lake and remained by himself on shore?
2. The disciples saw Jesus walking on water and were afraid. After having witnessed many miracles, why do you think they were still so easily afraid? What was their issue?
3. When Peter asked Jesus to tell him to come out on the water, Peter was testing Jesus instead of trusting Jesus. Why did Peter do that? Why do we test God rather than trust Him?
4. The Christian life is a lifelong journey in faith and trust. Share a time you were able to trust God with a concern or crisis.
5. What areas of life do you find it is difficult to trust God?
6. Even though the disciples couldn't see it, Jesus never left them. He saw them on the hillside, came to them on the water, and climbed into the boat with them. What are the implications of this for our lives today? How does this help us trust God more?

Family Questions

1. *Why do you think Jesus sent his friends out on the boat while he stayed on the shore by himself?*
2. *The disciples saw Jesus walking on the water and got scared. They had already seen Jesus do many amazing things, so why do you think they were still so afraid? What was wrong?*
3. *Following Jesus means learning to trust him our whole lives. Can you share about a time when you were able to trust God when you were worried or scared about something?*
4. *What things in your life are hard for you to trust God with? How can you trust God more with these things?*