

Seven: *Walking on Water*

Sermon Discussion Guide 3.23.25

Signs point the way. They direct us, warn us and inform us. Signs make clear what we cannot see. During His ministry, the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus performed 7 signs that were designed to reveal His identity as the Messiah. With each sign we are confronted with the truth about Jesus; and with each sign we are asked to make a decision about His identity and His work on the cross for us: will we believe?

Big Picture:

- Jesus' 5th sign reveals that Jesus is God, the God who brings lasting peace and has power over what we fail to have power over.

Getting Started

- Have you ever been caught in a storm that came out of nowhere?

Search the Scriptures

Have someone in your Group read **John 6:16-24**.

- What stuck out to you in this passage?
- John makes sure we know just how far the disciples had rowed during this raging storm (3-4 miles of a 7-mile trip). Why do you think he includes this?
 - He's making it clear that their own strength and effort won't work.
- What happens when Jesus enters the boat (vs. 21)?
 - Notice that multiple miracles happen in this single one.
- **Read Psalm 89:8-9**. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' miracle in our passage?

Getting Practical

- Have you ever gone through a difficult season in your life and found the presence and power of Jesus as comforting? Feel free to share your story with us.
- Have you experienced trying to make something happen in your own strength that didn't work until you surrendered it to Jesus?
- Is there something going on in your life that you're struggling to surrender to Jesus, so that you may receive His peace and power?

Lent Questions (For participating groups):

1. In what ways have you experienced the brokenness of the world and your own flesh this week?
2. What did you learn about Jesus or yourself this week as you read, prayed, fasted, and reflected?
3. How have you experienced Jesus renewing you personally in your walk with Him?