

## Message Study | FOBO | What If? February 16, 2020

*Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.*

**Message Review: God is speaking to us, even though we might not always like what He has to say. He won't often give specific direction or clarity, but He will give His power and His presence if we are willing to listen to Him and trust in Him through the storm of life's circumstances**

**Warm-up Question: Have you ever ordered a secret menu item from a restaurant? What was it and from where?**

### **Read Matthew 14:22-33**

- What details from the scene in verses 22-24 stand out to you?
- In verse 22, Jesus insists the disciples get back in the boat even though He knew a storm was coming. Talk about a time in your life when you tried to honor God or choose the better option but the storms of life still came at you?
- The disciples' obedience didn't guarantee escape from the storm. When have you blamed God for the storms or wrongly assumed God would reward your obedience with an adversity-free life?
- Why do you think the disciples react like they do in verses 25-26?
- God got people's attention in all kinds of ways throughout the Bible and each time He was getting ready to call them to do something extraordinary. How can you dispel fear so that you can step into and experience the presence and power Jesus offers?
- In verse 28, Peter wants to make sure he's being obedient and not just acting impulsively. How do you need to turn down the distractions in your life so that you can hear from God and step out in obedience?
- What is your boat? What do you fear leaving behind when you think about stepping out in faith?
- What does Peter see in verse 30 that causes him to start sinking? Peter stepped out in faith, but when does the storm finally stop?
- When you feel yourself sinking, where do you reach for help? How can you stay focused on Jesus even in the midst of the storm?

**Listen and Respond:** Take a minute as a group to prayerfully pause to allow time for members to process the following questions. Then allow a few minutes for members to briefly share what God is saying and what they will do. *(Pro tip: Leaders, jot down the action steps, send out to the group for prayer and encouragement, then review next meeting.)*

What is God saying to you through His Word? How and when will you respond?

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