

# COMMUNITYGROUP

Fear is God's Good Tool to Produce Faith | John 6:16-21

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① **How did our time in the Word on Sunday help you to better understand John 6:16-21?**

- *How were you encouraged to live for Jesus because of what was preached on Sunday?*

② **Why does Jesus put His disciples in a fear inducing situation?**

- *Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-6 - how does this help us understand what Jesus is doing?*

③ **How does Jesus care for his disciples in their time of fear & distress?**

- *How do we see the sovereignty of Christ in the distress of the disciples (check out Mark 6:48)?*
- *Why is it significant that Jesus comes to His disciples? How does His presence produce peace?*
- *What is unique about the words of Christ in v. 20? How are these words good and necessary for us today?*

④ **We want God to take us out of times of distress, but God wants us to learn to trust Him through it.**

- *Read the following verses as a group and discuss the character and promises of God (notice how God does not often take His people out of suffering but rather is with them through it):*

*Isaiah 35:4:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 41:10:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 41:14:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 43:1:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 44:8:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Joel 2:21:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 10:31:* \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Peter 5:7:* \_\_\_\_\_

⑤ **Discuss how God grows & matures our faith? Why is some measure of pain, discomfort, and fear part of that process?**

⑥ **How do you struggle to trust God in times of distress & fear?**

● *How might God be striving to grow your faith?*

● *What will it look like for you to begin living by faith **THROUGH** the distress & fears of your life?*