

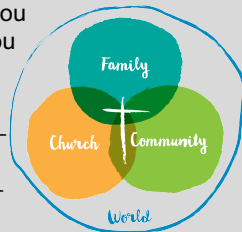
## Getting into Our Lives .....Group time - 20 minutes

1. What would it take for you to set aside some time alone to pray? What is preventing you from doing it? What could help you?
2. In your circumstances right now, does it feel easier or more difficult to “grab hold” of Jesus? What else do you think you need?
3. What is your response to the idea that Jesus sent his disciples knowingly into that scary situation? What could Jesus’ intentions be for what you are going through right now? **See also: Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 1:6-9**

## Getting Out the Gospel .....Group time - 5 minutes

Identify who you would like to share the gospel with this Fall. You can list out specific names or a general group of people that you come into regular contact with.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_



## Getting into Prayer .....Group time - 10 minutes

**Reach:** Pray for the names you want to see reached.

**Grow:** Pray for increased faith to hold on to Jesus even when you cannot see Him clearly.

**Empower:** Pray that God would place people in your life that you can encourage and challenge to grow in their faith even as you long to grow in yours.

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## Grab Hold of Greatness

*Matthew 14:22-36*

A. **Grab hold of** \_\_\_\_\_.

B. **Grab hold of** \_\_\_\_\_.

C. **Grab hold of** \_\_\_\_\_.

### Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.

### 1 Peter 1:6-9 NLT

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

### Accept the Challenge:

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***I never knew:***

***I need to change:***

***I should share:***

# GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of January 20, 2019

## Getting Started .....Group time - 15 minutes

If there are new people, have everyone do a brief introduction while answering the first question:

1. What is the worst storm you have been through? Describe your experience.
2. What is faith? How would you describe it to a child?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## Getting into God's Word .....Group time - 40 minutes

### Read Matthew 14:22-23

1. Why do you think Jesus sends the disciples across the lake ahead of him?
2. Why does Jesus need time alone in prayer?

### WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Where would you put yourself on the scale of loving prayer from 1-10? (Where 1 is that prayer is super uncomfortable, intimidating or feels unnecessary and 10 is where you feel like you live in prayer so much that you almost forget to eat) Explain why.

### Read Matthew 14:24-31

4. Before Jesus arrives, how was this night going for the disciples?
5. What do Jesus' actions teach us about Him?
6. The disciples had already experienced something like this in Matthew 8:23-27. Would you expect them to have had a different response to this storm considering their past experience? Why or why not?
7. What do you make of Peter's request? Why do you think he began to fall?
8. What does this scenario teach you about fear and faith?
9. How does the disciples' response compare with their response in Matthew 8:27?
10. How does the idea of faith translate to the sick of Gennesaret?