

SERMON OUTLINE John 6:16-21

Walking on Water

THE TEXT

1. *Be careful of believing you have Jesus all figured out.*
2. *The best way to be careful is to read and study and pray God's Word consistently.*
3. *Where you find descriptions and teaching of Jesus that don't fit with your prevailing understanding, change your understanding.*
4. *Worship Jesus!*
5. *Obey Jesus.*
6. *Walk in peace.*

THE SYMBOLISM

Dark/Light

Water

Fear of God

Choice

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The main thrust of the text is that the glory of Jesus is greater than you can ever imagine. And the main takeaway for us is the need to learn to love all of who Jesus is and live entirely in light of it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. How has reading the different Gospel accounts of the same event helped you understand the text? How has it made it harder?
3. Have you ever wondered if obeying one of the Bible's commands was really best? Why? What did you do?
4. Putting yourself in the disciples' shoes, do you think you would have been more afraid by the nighttime wind-storm or Jesus?
5. Do you consider yourself to be a fearful person? What frightens you most? When you're scared, what comforts you?
6. Which of the practical applications Pastor Dave gave (see above) is easiest for you to put into practice? Which is hardest?
7. Have you ever considered the fact that God made the material world largely to help us understand the spiritual? Does darkness/light or water best help you appreciate the glory of God?
8. How would you define the biblical concept of the fear of God? Have you ever felt it?
9. Do you tend to struggle more in believing that everything depends on your choices or nothing does? Why?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Spend some time studying, praying about, and cultivating proper fear of God. Ask someone to help you.
12. Make a list of the three most glorious things about Jesus you can find in the Bible. Share that with your family or at your DG.
13. Create some type of artistic expression (picture, drawing, painting, song, poem) that captures the glory of Jesus in this story.
14. Start a Bible reading plan.
15. Create a music playlist of songs that do a good job celebrating the glories of Jesus. Share it with someone.
16. Ask your DG leader to explain what Biblical Theology is and loan you a good Biblical Theology book.
17. Share the gospel with someone. Focus on explaining to them how Jesus walking on water is good news.
18. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God for being fierce and omnipotent. Praise God for being merciful and kind. Praise God for being love. Praise God for being gentle and lowly. Praise God for being a miracle-worker.
20. Confess. Confess any doubts you have in the power of God. Confess any fear you have of man. Confess any areas of ongoing disobedience. Confess any numbness to the Word of God. Confess any failure to properly engage in the church.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for comforting you in your fear. Thank God for being a sure and steady anchor in times of your greatest trials. Thank God for a church that is eager to help you trust and grow in Jesus. Thank God for the Bible.
22. Supplication. Ask God to give strength to the fearful. Ask God to heal the sick among us. Ask God to help us make a place for everyone to use their gifts to build up Grace Church. Ask God to fill us with proper worship. Ask God to give us unity in truth and love. Ask God to give us wisdom for the future.