Still Rowing?
Series: John
Scripture: John 6:16-24

This boat story isn't the story of Jesus…

- _____ the storm.
- _____ us to _____ out of the boat.
- _____ us to _____ everything behind to follow him.

This is the story of Jesus coming at a _____ time in a _____ way and coming up _____ them, _____ them, and getting them _____ it.

Jesus knows _____ we need _____ we need it.

- We must _____ up _____.
- The Christian life is not about a daily _____, it's about the _____.
- Even when He doesn't _____ the storm, he can _____ _____ the storm better than we can.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking.

- What was one of your greatest childhood fears: Bugs? Heights? Darkness? Water?

Start thinking. Read John 6:16-24

- On a dark and stormy night, weary from rowing and afraid of capsizing, how would you have reacted if you saw Jesus on the water? When he climbed aboard?
- What did the disciples fail to see in the feeding of the 5,000 that could have helped them here?
- Why were the disciples so afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water, even though they had witnessed other miracles?
- How might the storm on the lake reflect the disciples' inner turmoil or struggles at that moment?
- What does Jesus' action of walking on the water reveal about his power and authority over nature?
- *"It is I, do not be afraid":* What does this phrase signify about Jesus' identity and how does it comfort the disciples?

Start sharing.

- How does this passage illustrate the tendency for people to misunderstand Jesus' true intentions based on outward signs?
- How do you respond when storms whip up in your life? What difference does this story make as you face those times?
- What does it mean to fully trust Jesus, even when circumstances seem difficult or confusing?
- Have you ever experienced a time when you felt particularly afraid or alone, and how did God's presence comfort you?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Lord, I have trusted You as my Saviour. Help me to continue trusting You for every step that I take in my life. Help me to believe in, "Him Who the Father sent," for it is only through the power of Your Spirit that I can do the works that God has prepared for me to do. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Pay attention to moments where you may recognize your opportunity notice and to bear witness to Jesus, both in word and deed.