



Mark 6:45-56

INTRODUCTION

Jesus continues to reveal his identity as he walks on water and heals the sick wherever he goes.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Mark 6:45-56**
- Why do you think Jesus felt it necessary to pray at this point in his ministry?
- What do you think Mark wanted to teach us by showing that Jesus walked on water?
- Why do you think Jesus intended to pass them by?
- What is the significance of Jesus saying "It is I" or "I am?"

APPLICATION

- Mark records three of the instances when Jesus prayed (1:35; 6:46; 14:32). How might you change the time, place, and nature of your prayers in light of those accounts?
- Have you ever felt that you were doing the will of God obediently, but you still ended up with trouble and difficulty? How did you feel during the trouble? How did it turn out in the end?
- In what way should the fact that Jesus walks on water change your life?
- What do you think of the disciples' slowness to understand who Jesus is?
- The disciples' hearts were hardened. How do you know if your heart is being hardened? In other words, what are the signs of a hardening heart?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?