



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Matthew 14:22-33 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) In verse 23, Jesus went up by himself on the mountain to pray. If Jesus is God (and He is), why did he pray?
- 5) Why should we pray?
- 6) What personally keeps you from praying as much or as often as you'd like?
- 7) Jesus sends the disciples into a harrowing situation (a rough storm at sea) and he is away from them, but then he comes to them walking on the water. Why do you think he did this?
- 8) In the midst of tough situations, where it seems that God is absent, what are the different types of thoughts (good or bad) that come into our heads?
- 9) Peter shows great faith to come to Jesus on the water, but then his faith falters. We all experience faith that falters at times. In your life, when does this tend to happen?
- 10) Explain the following statement: "The most important thing is not the measure of our faith, but the object of our faith."
- 11) Make a list of Jesus' attributes that are on display in this story.
- 12) In what ways does this story demonstrate Jesus' deity?
- 13) What do you think God is teaching you through this passage?
- 14) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

* Some of these questions take from: David Platt, [Exalting Jesus in Matthew](#), ed. Daniel L. Akin, David Platt, and Tony Merida, *Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2013), 197.