

# Home Group Study Guide



ICE BREAKER:

Tonight we are going to read about the time Jesus walked on a lake. What's your favorite thing about living in Lake County?

Sunday's sermon title was "You are God's people!"



READ:

Let's read 1 Peter 2:9-10 together.

Peter has called us God's people, and this is because of God's love for us, not because we have earned it. We often focus too much on what we're doing, rather than who God is. What is something specific you love about God? (Grace, Love, Forgiveness, Justice, etc.)

Let's jump into the Bible story from Sunday's message.

Have someone read Matthew 14:25:

Jesus literally walked on water! In his sermon, Mark encouraged us to not limit our definition of Jesus. Don't put Him in a box! What is one of God's characteristics that you struggle to accept? (All-knowing, Present everywhere, Unconditional love, etc.)

Have someone read Matthew 14:26-33:

Peter got out of the boat and was successfully walking on the water towards Jesus. Why did he start to sink?

(Took his eyes off Jesus, Doubt, Fear, Lack of Faith)

Have someone read Hebrews 13:8:

Mark told a story about getting extremely seasick. He should have focused on the horizon, not the waves. We need to have the same focus on God. You have to find something that is stable in the midst of all the movement. That is the only thing that will settle all the unrest on the inside. What's something going on in your life that is causing "seasickness" (unrest) in your life?

Have someone read Hebrews 12:1-2:

"When we look at Jesus we find the faith that we could never have."

What can you do to stop trying to manufacture faith in your life and instead allow God to be the author and perfecter of your faith?

(Time in God's Word, Quiet Time, Prayer, Letting go of something...)

Rick and Michelle Brownell shared their story in an awesome video testimony. Rick was seeking joy, fulfillment, purpose and identity in alcohol. Until he finally said, "I'm done" and fixed his eyes on Jesus.

What is something you're ready to say "I'm done" to today?



PRAYER:

(Take prayer requests and spend time praying for each of the requests. Write them down and send them to your Home Group later in the week)