

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 6/30/13

Matthew 14.13-36

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: Pray for Runner's Camp.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: *strengthening our faith in Jesus as the compassionate Lord of creation and the Son of God such that He can use us to do things that otherwise would not and could not do.*

(you can begin by reading each of the three stories and then asking what God was teaching them during the sermon on Sunday? This both encourages application and raises the expectation of sitting under the preaching of the Word with that objective. The questions below can be woven in after that time of sharing.)

- I have attached a story from John Ortberg that can be used as an opening discussion (see email). Read the story about Bubba and ask how what we think about God affects the exercise of our faith?

Read 14.13-21 and answer these questions? What do you learn about Jesus from this story? What do you think he is trying to teach the disciples?

Read 14. 22-33 and answer these questions? What do you learn about Jesus from this story? What do you think he is trying to teach the disciples? How is Peter both a good example and less than that? What does this story teach about trusting God?

Read 14.34-36. How are the people of Gennesaret examples of faith? How can that be applied to you?

What is your takeaway from these passages about who God is? and what insight did you gain about what it means for you to follow him? Share what that should look like, practically