



Storm Warning: Week 3 — “Storm Chasing”

CONNECT: Have you ever tried to break a Guinness World Record? Any you’d like to try? If not, do you have any fun, non-record-breaking skills or talents?

GROW:

1. **Read Matthew 14:22-33.** We find the disciples in a storm once again. What is the context of this scene? (*What happened before? What time was it? Why were they in a boat? Where was Jesus?*)
2. We can do many incredible things, but none of us can walk on water. What was the disciples’ response to seeing someone walk on water? What was Peter’s response? Why the difference?
3. Was Peter the failure because he sank, or was it the other 11 disciples because they never even tried?
4. Jon said that we can either be “Boat Potatoes” or “Wave Walkers.” What did he mean by that? What does the invitation to “*step out of the boat*” mean for you right now, to be a risk-taker instead of a play-it-safer?
5. Are you prone to catastrophic thinking, irrationally believing terrible things will happen? Where does that stem from?
6. Just like a small amount of water can create a huge fog, our small smartphones can create a huge distraction and cloud our vision. How have you seen that in your life (wasted time, catastrophic thinking, or missed opportunities)?
7. Discuss these two points and what applications they could have for your week:
 - When Peter cried out, Jesus reached out.
 - Peace is not about the absence of storms. Peace is about the presence of Jesus in the storm.

PRAY: *Jesus, remind me again that You are not limited like I am limited. Whatever storm I encounter, I want to walk through it with the God who can walk on water. I have never lived a moment without Your love—give me Your peace as I trust in You.*

NEXT: Where do you need to “step out of the boat”? Identify one thing this week that you sense God calling you to take a risk in, share it with someone in the group, and ask them to hold you accountable to go for it.