

What Can You Do Without Him?

Bible Study suitable for teen small groups by Matthew B. Hunt

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Thesis: We need to keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus so we can experience all he has to offer.

Objective: Get kids thinking about the need to be more intentionally focused on Jesus.

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

SUGGESTION: ALL GROUP ICE-BREAKER: FOLLOW THE LEADER

HOOK

1. Of all your adventures in life, which was the most daring?
2. Do risk-taking and faith have anything to do with each other?

LOOK AT THE BOOK

1. Read Matthew 14:22-33
2. This story takes place right after the feeding of the 5000. Why do you think Jesus decided to separate himself from the crowd & the disciples to take time alone to pray?
3. What thoughts do you suppose were going through the disciple's minds when they saw him walking on the water?
4. How did they try to explain the appearance of someone walking on water?
5. How did Jesus try to calm their fears?
6. What did Peter do? Why?
7. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the craziest), how crazy would you say Peter was for getting out of the boat?
8. Why did Peter sink? (Peter had enough faith to get out of the boat, but then he got distracted & took His eyes off Jesus)

TOOK

1. What things in this world distract us from Jesus?
2. What are the storms we face? That out fear in our hearts?
3. How can we keep our focus on Jesus during those times?
4. What if we sink like Peter?
5. What can the church do to help her young people focus more on Jesus?
6. What needs to happen for your faith to be strengthened?
7. How can you help others focus on Jesus?