

Conversation Starters

- What is the scariest thing you have ever done?
- Do you recall a time when you were really challenged (seemingly) beyond your limits?

Discuss

We all have a boat that we need to get out of. A need to step out of our comfort zone, or to stop letting excuses hold us back from reaching our potential, or overcoming failures – we need to challenge ourselves and complacency.

- What is the boat that you need to step out of?
- Is there an area in your life that needs to be improved, but you have been avoiding?

We all have our reasons for not getting out of the boat. Some of the more common reasons tend to be that we are too busy or simply get distracted. We fill our schedules with an unending list of “to-do’s” or let something catch our eye and draw us away from where we should focus.

- What is keeping you from reaching your goals?
- Is there a clear direction you are heading in for the various areas of your life?
- Is your schedule too busy?
- What are some recurring distractions for you?

This story from Peter’s life with Jesus is not meant to force us to focus on his failure, but about what life could look like if you step out of the boat. What your life would look like if you were focused on Jesus and handle your distractions in life appropriately.

*“Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.
(Matthew 14:29)*

- How is your relationship with Jesus? Or how much time do you give to exploring the possibility of a relationship with Jesus if you haven’t quite figured that out yet?
- What can you do today to give it the time it needs?
- What are some indicators that you would notice if you had a vibrant relationship?

Next Steps

Identify an area of your life where you need to step out and challenge yourself. Resolve to take one step this week, today, or as soon as possible toward achieving your goal.

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Pray

God, you are much bigger than any obstacle that could ever be in front of us. We don't always keep that focus and give you that credit. We sometimes bury ourselves in busyness and get distracted, or have something that we let get in the way of seeing you as we should and relying on you for the direction of our life. Thank you for persevering and not giving up on us. Thank you for the sacrifice that Jesus made to allow us to know you. Help us to step out of whatever boat we need to step out of and draw closer to you and your direction for our life.