

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Seven Signs of John Series*

These questions are for the **October 15, 2023** message, "Out for a Walk." Please read the sermon passage (John 6:15-21) together out loud.

### Passage Outline

AS JESUS DECISIVELY REVEALS HIS IDENTITY AS THE SON OF GOD . . .

1. He sends his disciples into treacherous conditions. (16-18)
  - a. Jesus helped his disciples avoid the temptation of money and power (14-15) by sending them into a life-threatening storm in the middle of the night.
    - i. Material success can be a worse threat for our souls than physical danger.
    - ii. Jesus made them go (away from the crowd's expectations).
  - b. The disciples are being tested in their area of strength (waterway navigation).
    - i. They are shown to be very weak and vulnerable.
    - ii. When Jesus sends us into trouble, he always has a gracious plan to deliver us.
2. He overcomes impossible obstacles to get to us. (19)
  - a. Jesus is separated from his disciples by both extreme weather and open waters.
  - b. Mark 6:48: "He saw them" (he was always watching over them).
  - c. Jesus, the maker of heaven and earth, walked on the water to get to his disciples.
3. His personal presence calms every threat. (20)
  - a. Jesus announces himself: "It is I, do not be afraid."
  - b. They were glad to welcome him into the boat (glad before the storm stopped)
  - c. Immediately they got to their destination.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Give an example of when God sent you into treacherous conditions so that he could reveal his glory to you? How has God tested you in your area of personal or profession strength?
2. Based on #2, above: Impossible obstacles tempt us to think that we are all alone. But he is watching over us (Mark 6:48), he is praying for us (Mark 6:46), and he can make the sea into a highway to get to us. Jesus will never leave us or forsake us. What impossible obstacles has God turned into highways to get to you?
3. Based on #3, above: We are not saved by perseverance, fate, luck or sheer will. We are saved when Jesus arrives and we gladly welcome him into our boat. How has the mere presence of Jesus saved you and "made you glad" even before the storm had subsided? Is Jesus present in your life? How does John 6:63 ensure Jesus' constant presence with you? (compare to Matthew 28:18-20)