



Cuyahoga  
Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 3.8.26  
Mark 6:45-56 // Dale Piscura

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip  
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

## CONNECT (10 MIN)

- ① What is one thing that stood out to you in the passage or the sermon from this week, and why?

## EXPLORE (30 MIN)

### Create Context (5 min):

HERE is the Sermon Recap video playlist on Vimeo.

### Study & Discussion (25 min)

To begin your group time read all 3 accounts of Jesus walking on the Sea found in Matthew 14:22-33, John 6:15-21 and Mark 6:45-56. Pray to begin.

- ① At one time in our lives, we were all apart from Christ. Maybe there was also a time when you knew about Him but did not know Him personally as your forgiver and leader. If this applies to you, what was it like to be aware but not devoted to him?
- ② In the stormy night the disciples went from fear to faith, from confusion to confession and from wondering to worshiping. Has God ever sent you into a storm in life and used it so that you would know your need for Him in a new or renewed way? Consider this question and discuss the critical faith journey God designed for you.
- ③ The disciples obeyed Jesus, and got into the boat, and had the scariest night of their lives. Discuss the wisdom of God in His plan for their lives. Does this frighten you at all as you consider where obedience to Jesus might take you?



- ④ Jesus spent hours with the Father in prayer during their dark night. His frequent practice was prayer alone with God. How do you prioritize private times of prayer? Where do you have room to grow in this area, and what steps can you take to help facilitate that growth? Be really honest – remember that we all can pray more than we do.
  
- ⑤ Where in the Bible does God decide to display His glory by PASSING BY someone? Search and discuss – be specific!
  
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- ⑧ What does Jesus’ ability to walk on water show about Him - about who He is, and what His purpose is (see Job 9:8)?
  
- ⑨ Verse 52 of Mark 6 says, “...for they did not understand about the loaves, but their HEARTS WERE HARDENED.” Discuss this together. Develop together some ideas about what this means and signifies. What can we do to help our hearts remain soft, and not hardened, to the Lord - to who He is and to what He is doing in our lives?



## PRAY AND APPLY

1. Pray that we continually expand our conceptions of the greatness and goodness of God as we read and hear His Word.
2. Pray that as followers of Christ we practice rapid obedience to His Spirit's leading and every known command.
3. Pray that we invite Christ into every situation, abiding in Him; being dependent with gladness that our help comes from the Lord.
4. Pray that our worship is Spirit-led and growing consistently in reverence and awe.
5. Pray that God will soften the hard-hearted, pouring out fresh grace, awakening love and devotion to Him.



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# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 3.8.26

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

## INVITE

### **Night of Worship and Prayer - March 11**

We would love for you to join us for a special Night of Prayer and Worship during this Lenten season on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30pm. Lent is a time to slow down, refocus our hearts, and draw near to the Lord. This evening will be a space to worship together, seek God in prayer, and prepare our hearts for Easter. Whether you come carrying burdens, gratitude, questions, or simply a desire to be with Jesus—you are welcome. Childcare will be provided, so please feel free to bring your family.

## SEND

### **Panama Mission Trip Interest Meeting - March 15**

INTEREST MEETING - FILTER OF HOPE PANAMA TRIP. March 15 at 1:00pm in lower level 101/102. Attend the meeting to hear from the trip leaders Dave & Karen Genco and find out who can apply for this trip, what the requirements are, when the application opens and closes, what the trip cost is and what it covers, and more!

### **CULTURE Link - March 20-21**

CVC Send Ministry is excited to announce that the CULTURELink Seminar is coming back to CVC on March 20-21! Whether you are a former, current, or future mission trip leader, this practical and engaging training is designed to equip you for effective cross-cultural ministry.

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