

**Sovereign Grace Church**  
**“Walking with Jesus” outline**  
March 8, 2020

**Matthew 14: 22-36**

*Jesus had demonstrated His power in many different ways in the presence of His disciples. They had seen Him silence the learned Pharisees, heal the sick, deliver many from demons, still a storm, feed thousands of people with a few loaves and fish and even raise someone from the dead. So they did have some real evidence that Jesus was not a normal human being. But He always seemed to be ready to surprise them with something they weren't expecting.*

*This time the disciples had spent an entire night struggling to make headway against some very strong headwinds on the open sea. They had left Jesus on shore and weren't expecting to see Him until they had returned to land. But there he was! Walking toward them on the surface of the water! They immediately assumed He was a ghost. After Jesus spoke and assured them of His reality, one of them decided they he needed to experience this himself. So Peter invited Jesus to invite Him to join Him in His walk on the water. He did so, and Peter walked on the water....for a ways. We will look at this amazing story during this morning's message.*

1. **The Disciples Departure v. 22**  
**John 6: 15**

2. **Solitude & Prayer v. 23**

- 3. Jesus and Peter vv. 25-33**  
**Jms 1: 5-8; Phil. 2: 5; Heb. 11: 1**

**Questions for Reflection and/or Conversation**

- 1. Do you think spiritual disciplines (e.g., solitude, silence, fasting, prayer, scripture meditation/memorization) are of any value in growing as a Christian? What does solitude mean as a spiritual discipline? What does it mean to “grow” as a Christian? How might solitude help?**
- 2. What do you think your response would have been had you been one of the disciples in the boat? Why do you think Peter responded as he did? How did Peter's decision reflect his character?**
- 3. How do you think this incident might have been reported had it occurred today? What are some differences in world view between culture today and culture then that might account for this difference?**
- 4. What sorts of things in your life does God call you to do that require faith in Him? Why is it easy for us to trust Christ for payment for our sins and yet not be so quick to trust Him in how we do the more mundane things, like buying a car or picking a school or keeping a job?**