

Thanks God!

Scripture: Mark 6:45-56

Mark 10:45; John 6:14-15; 1:14; 17:20-23; Hebrews 7:25; 13:8; Job 9:8; Exodus 33:21-23; 3:14; 1 Peter 3:15; Proverbs 15:1; Ephesians 4:29; Numbers 21:4-9; 2 Kings 18:4

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. The same God we see working in our Bibles then is the same God that wants to work in our lives now, with 5 subpoints. God Is a friend - who's real, who loves, that we can trust, forever, for everyone. Which of those points resonates with you?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:15, Proverbs 15:1 & Ephesians 4:29. How would you respond to someone who asserts that:
 - "It's impossible for a human to walk on water!"
 - "The disciples created myths about Jesus after He died!"
4. Both groups of people in this story faced trouble: the disciples were hindered intensely as they were trying to cross the lake, and many people on the other side were sick, or they had sick friends and family.
 - Does the presence of trouble in our lives mean that we are working against God's purposes? (No!)
 - How did God meet the needs of those in trouble?
 - Did He meet them in the time frame they wanted?
 - Did He give them an explanation for their trouble?
 - What does this mean for us today?
 - How do we avoid both extremes: prosperity gospel on the one side, and a lack of faith on the other?
5. Read Numbers 21:4-9.
 - How could this event in Numbers relate to Mark 6:56, where people were healed by touching the edge of Jesus' clothes?
 - Read 2 Kings 18:4. How could both of these stories be misunderstood?
6. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your expectancy for Jesus to act in/engage with your life?
7. Read Mark 6:50. What three statements does Jesus say in that verse? ("Take heart." "It is I." or "I am." and "Do not be afraid.")
 - ***Can you visualize Jesus saying those phrases to you in your situation? What would those words from the God of the universe do to your present circumstances? What would they do to you?***