

The Sovereign and Merciful Messiah

Discussion Questions for Mark 6:45-56

Open It

When is the last time you remember being in a terrible storm?

What is one lesson you had to learn the hard way?

Explore It

When did Jesus make His disciples go on ahead of Him? (6:45)

How did Jesus and the disciples get separated? (6:45–47)

What did Jesus do while He was alone? (6:46)

What problem were the disciples having? (6:48)

How did Jesus respond to the disciples' needs? (6:48)

How did the disciples react when they saw Jesus walk on the water? (6:49)

When did the disciples cry out? Why? (6:49–50)

What difference did it make that the disciples' hearts were hardened? (6:49–52)

Why were the disciples "completely amazed"? (6:51–52)

What is significant about the wind dying down? (6:51)

What had the disciples failed to understand? (6:52)

Where did Jesus and His disciples finally land? (6:53)

What did Jesus do after He and the disciples had crossed over the lake? (6:54–56)

How did the crowds respond to Jesus when He came to their villages? (6:56)

What difference did it make that the crowds welcomed Jesus? (6:56)

What does the fact that "all who touched Jesus were healed" tell us about the people's attitude? (6:56)

Get It

Why do you think Jesus, who was the Son of God, spent time in prayer?

Why do you think Jesus chose to walk on the water to get to the disciples' boat?

How do you think you would have reacted if you had been with the disciples that night?

What did the disciples have to learn the hard way?

When has God done something for you that was completely amazing to you? What was it?

How did you respond the last time you sensed God's work in your life?

Why do you think we are sometimes so surprised by God's goodness to us?

How can we follow Jesus' example of prayer?

How should you follow Jesus' example in this story of taking time out for prayer?

When have you been terrified, as the disciples were in this story?

How can Christ calm our fears or help us when we are afraid?

What difference does it make that Jesus has the power to control the forces of nature?

What does this story tell us about Jesus?

What does this story tell us about human nature?

What can we learn from Jesus' commitment to help people and teach them?

In light of this story, how can you increase your faith in Jesus?

Apply It

How can you discipline yourself this week to spend time in undistracted prayer each day?

What specific fear or anxiety do you need to turn over to the Lord and entrust to Him?

How can you make yourself sensitive to the lessons God wants to teach you this week?