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Main Text: Matthew 14: 34-36

Optional Ice Breaker

Share with the group who your favorite actor is and why.

The BIG IDEA

Learning to recognize Jesus as the Messiah not just as a miracle worker

Getting in the Word

Read all of Matthew chapter 14. List the miraculous things Jesus does and how these events are game changers for those who were changed but also for the disciples.

Why do we have such a hard time accepting Romans 3:23 and how does this hamper our ability to recognize Jesus as the Messiah? What do we have to recognize about who we are?

Read Matthew 9:18-26, how did the response Jesus gave the woman show she recognized Jesus as more than a miracle worker, but indeed as the Messiah when she reached out and touched His cloak.

How does Jesus know who comes for the “sizzle” (miracles) and who comes for the steak (Messiah) in John 6:26-36?

Do we sometimes not recognize who Jesus really is and after knowing who He is and what He calls His game changing followers to, react as many did in John 6:66. Why do we respond this way?

How does Matthew describe the totality of the game changing love of Jesus in this passage through the use of the word “all?” What does this teach is about the game changing love of Jesus.

The true partners in the game changing love of Jesus was *not the men* who told everyone about Jesus being amongst them. Instead, it was the caretakers who brought their sick to be healed by Jesus and begged for the game changing touch of Jesus. Who has God called you to be a “caretaker” of in your life? How can you bring them to Jesus and beg for the game changing touch of Jesus in their life?

The BIG Question Is:

Do you recognize Jesus for Who He is?