



Providence

Presbyterian Church

Signs: Fear | John 6:14-21
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Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker

Question: Share your opinion of horror movies.

- I quite like them
- I don't watch them
- They are the worst
- I think they should be banned
- Other: _____

Share about a time when you were really scared, whether as a child or an adult. How did you respond in that moment?

Read John 6:14-21

Understanding the Passage:

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- Why do you think the people wanted to make Jesus king after the feeding of the 5,000? (v.14-15)
- How do you think the disciples felt when the storm arose while Jesus was absent? (v.16-18)
- How did the disciples react when they saw Jesus walking on the water? (v.19)
- Why do you think Jesus' words, "It is I; do not be afraid," were significant? (v.20-21)

Our Life Can Get Scary

Question: How do you typically respond to fear? Do you try to minimize it, ignore it, or face it head-on?

- Minimize
- Ignore
- Pretend
- Run
- Face it
- Other: _____

Question: Why do you think Jesus led the disciples into the storm?

- Jesus didn't watch WBLT at 10 that night, so he missed the weather forecast
- He wanted to test them
- He wanted to grow their faith
- He wanted to show them who He was
- Other: _____

Question: Can you think of a time when obedience to God led you into a difficult situation? How did you see God working in that time?

Our Savior is Always Here

How do you typically respond when God's help comes in unexpected ways?

- Anger
- Unbelief
- Ignorance
- Gratitude in the end
- Other: _____

How can we learn to recognize Jesus' presence in the midst of life's storms?

The sermon referenced Psalm 34:1-3. Read that Psalm. How can praising God in difficult times change our perspective?

Applying the Gospel to Our Fears

The sermon concluded by saying that fear can reveal what we truly value. What do your fears tell you about what's most important in your heart?

How does the gospel speak to our fears? How does Jesus' death and resurrection provide real hope in fearful times?

What is one practical step you can take this week to bring your fears before God and trust Him more fully?

Work It Out!

Re-read John 6:20: "It is I; do not be afraid."
Take a moment to reflect on what this means for you personally.

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
