

Foster City Campus – April 22, 2018



Matthew 14: 13-33 - Ben Melli

A Little Makes a Big Difference

1. We constantly see Jesus pursuing time alone in communion and prayer with His Father. If Jesus needed this, how much more do we?! How has prayer influenced your relationship with your Heavenly Father? Is this busy world, is prayer a constant practice in your life, in your families life?
2. When was the last time your heart felt compassion? When have you received compassion? Tell the story.
3. When you think of Jesus, is compassion the first thing that comes to your mind?
4. Jesus had compassion on the people so he provided for the physical needs by miraculously feeding them and for their spiritual needs by his death and miraculous resurrection. Which is harder to have faith in? His provision for you or His grace for you?
5. How might God be calling you to act on faith and show compassion to someone you don't want to be compassionate toward?
6. It may not have seemed compassionate of Jesus to send his disciples out into a storm to teach them a lesson about faith. But, in a sense, they might not have come to faith in Jesus as their Messiah in any other way. Jesus cares enough about us that He will force us to mature in faith. Share a time when you had to learn something by a difficult process, and how your faith grew as a result.
7. Peter got out of the boat which was a step of faith. We may be called to take a step of faith, but how does Jesus' response reassure us in our faith? What step might God be leading you to take? What promise has He given you that reassures you in this step of faith?

South Campus - April 22, 2018



Faith Development - Mark Mitchell

Matthew 14:13-33

1. What do these two stories have in common?
2. Why did Jesus want to withdraw from the crowds?
3. In what ways was Jesus intentional about developing the disciple's faith in these two incidents?
4. What do each of these stories teach us about faith development?
5. How has the Lord worked in your life to develop your faith?
6. Mark emphasized that we must get to know the object of our faith. What do these stories teach us about Him? How are you getting to know him better?
7. What is the connection between faith development and our worship (see v. 33)?
8. How did God speak to you through this message and how can you apply that to your life?