

## Small Group Discussion Questions

### Flawed: The Making of Peter – Humans Are Courageous

#### Matthew 14:22–33

1. When you hear the story of Peter walking on water, what part of the story do you usually focus on—his courage, his failure, Jesus' rescue, or something else? Why do you think that is?
  
2. The sermon suggested that “*courage begins with a call.*” Peter first asks Jesus, “*Lord, if it’s you, tell me to come to you on the water*” (v.28).
  - What does this teach us about the difference between courage and recklessness?
  - How do you discern God's voice in your own life?
  
3. In a world increasingly shaped by AI, algorithms, and technology, what are some ways people can become more reactive to information than responsive to God's call?
  - How can listening to God help preserve our humanity?
  
4. Peter stepped out of the boat while the storm was still raging. The circumstances did not change; Peter did.
  - Can you share a time when you moved forward in obedience even though fear remained?
  - What helped you take that step?
  
5. The sermon stated, “*Fear may ride in the car, but courage refuses to let it drive.*”
  - What fears most often try to "drive" your decisions?
  - What might courage look like in that area of your life right now?
  
6. Peter eventually began to sink, but only after he had already walked on water.
  - Why do you think Christians often fear failure more than disobedience?
  - How does Peter's example challenge our view of failure?

7. When Peter cried out, "*Lord, save me!*" Jesus immediately reached out His hand.
  - What does this reveal about the character of Jesus?
  - How does knowing that "the grace of Jesus is faster than the failure of Peter" encourage you in your own discipleship?
  
8. The story ends not with Peter, but with worship: "*Those who were in the boat worshiped him*" (v.33).
  - How can acts of courage help us see Jesus more clearly?
  - What is one ordinary act of courage God may be calling you to take this week: forgiving someone, serving, giving, inviting, praying again, joining a group, having a difficult conversation, or something else?