**Trinity Church, Sarnia**

**Lenten Bible Study – 2021**

**7 Signs of God’s Love**

*With Canon Vicars Hodge*

***Week #5 . John 6:16-24 Jesus walks on the water***

**Open:**

1. What was one of your greatest childhood fears? Bugs? High Places? Darkness? Water? Monsters?

**Dig**

1. On a dark and stormy night, weary from rowing and afraid of capsizing, how would you have reacted when you saw Jesus, walking on the water? When he called out: *“It is I. Do not be afraid?”* When he climbed aboard?
2. With Pharaoh’s army closing in and the Red Sea behind them, the situation seemed hopeless. Read Exodus 14:12-14 and compare with John 6:20 What parallels do you see between the stories?
3. After the Feeding of the 5000, people in the crowd said: *“Surely this is the prophet who has come into the world!”* (v.14.) What are they missing that would have helped them (Hint: see v.20)

**Reflect**

1. How do you respond when storm whip up in your life?
2. What difference does this story make as you face those times?

**Group Norms to enhance our experience**

* **Try to make attendance a priority**..
* **Try to stay “on topic**.” Stick to the passage being studied. Seek to find the answers in the text.
* **Everyone participates and no one dominates**. We are sometimes so eager to share what we have learned that we don’t leave room for others. By all means participate – but leave space for others.
* **Be sensitive to the other members of the Group**. We respect each other and can all learn from each other. There are no ‘dumb’ questions.
* **Support for one another is part of our life** as followers of Jesus.
* **Confidentiality matters**: When someone shares something of private nature, that stays in the group. We tell our own stores, if we want – not other people’s.

**Suggestions for getting the most out of a LIFE[[1]](#footnote-1) Group**

**Everyone**

* Try to read the passage we will study in advance of our meeting.
* Bring an attitude of expectancy – God wants to open his Word for you and me…. Come expecting to receive some good word.
* Stay in touch with each other during the week, where appropriate.

**People who want more….**

* Pre-read the questions and think about them a bit.
* Read the Gospel of John in the next week or two. Recommended translations: (ESV, NRSV, NASB, NIV, TPT)
* Each week, after the study, re-read the passage & questions– to reinforce what you have learned.

**The Keeners – looking for an A+**

* Read John through in a second, different translation like “The Message” (MSG), New Living Translation (NLT), JB Phillips or “The Good News”
* Make a list of questions you would like answered and send them to [trinity@trinitysarnia.org](mailto:trinity@trinitysarnia.org)

1. LIFE: Learning, Insight, Friends, Encouragement: these are our four objectives. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)