

Trinity Church, Sarnia
Lenten Bible Study – 2021

7 Signs of God's Love

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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 LIFE¹ 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

¹ LIFE: Learning, Insight, Friends, Encouragement: these are our four objectives.