

## Small-Group Questions Mark 6:45-52

Read through the above passage together and use the questions below as prompts...

Opening question: The topic of this week's podcast is 'Fear in the unknown'. Can you recall times when you felt out of control fearful of not knowing what was going on?

- Jesus sent the disciples off in the boat to make their way to Bethsaida but didn't join them (verse 45). What does this say about our relationship with Jesus? Does he just leave us randomly? Compare this with verse 48.
- Jesus went up to the mountain to pray (verse 46). What can we learn from this example of Jesus in our prayer life in our context, and the particular circumstances, we're all in?
- The disciples are fearful because they can't work out who the figure walking out to them is (49). Are there times when God's presence or work in our lives makes causes us to be fearful because we don't recognise that it's actually Jesus?
- Linked to the previous question, the disciples upon realising that the figure is indeed Jesus, are amazed as he walks out to them on the water. But this is because they hadn't understood about the miracle of feeding the five thousand. How often do you think and pray about the miraculous things God has done in the bible, in your life or other people's lives?
- More generally, what can we learn from Jesus' extra-ordinary activity such as walking out on the water? How does it translate into our lives?