

SERMON GUIDE

**LORD OF THE STORM**

John 6:15-21

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**SERMON NOTES**

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 28)**

Phil. 2:6-7 (God's Character)

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**rayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

**Conversation Questions**

**Getting to Know Me:** Have you ever been caught out in a boat in the middle of open water? What was the experience like?

**Note About the Passage:** One of the interesting things about our reading today is that it has two parallels in Matthew 14:22-36 and Mark 6:45-59. All three authors are recounting the same story, but John's account gives very few details. This is one of the few times when John's account is actually shorter than the other gospel accounts. Reading Matthew and Mark would be well worth your time, but try to be disciplined in your reading today. We always want to be asking ourselves, "What was the original author trying to show his original audience?" Ultimately, we're asking, "Why did John choose these details and not others? Why did he write it this way? What is his point?" What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

**Read John 6:15-21**

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Can you picture the scene in your mind? What thoughts, emotions and actions stand out to you in this very short story? What is most intriguing and interesting to you? Why?
- O** Read Psalm 77:11-20 and Job 9:8.
  - What is Jesus revealing about himself in this sign?
  - Why do you think he's revealing it to them now? (Remember the context of verses 14-15.)
- O** The story mentions two emotions: fear (v.19, and gladness (v.21).
  - How is it possible to experience both of these emotions in close proximity to one another when dealing with God?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Right now, does Jesus frighten or encourage you, or both? Why?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.