

## Study Guide Questions

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Message: Adversity

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### Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 4:7-8

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

## Read Matthew 14:22-36

Jay shared nine things that Jesus does as He trains and equips His disciples. Let's take a look at each one and reflect on its activity in our lives.

1. Jesus always sends His disciples out. Only consuming information does not equate to discipleship. Where do you feel more comfortable: learning or doing? How can we take steps to be better at *Practicing His Ways*?
2. Jesus prays. **Read John 17:18-21 & Romans 8:33-34.** How does the idea of Jesus praying for you today revise your perspective on His present working in your life? Does knowing that Jesus is praying for you help you weather some of the storms you will face? What is one area in which you would like others to be praying for you and/or your loved ones?
3. Jesus sends us into a problem. How does it make you feel that Jesus intentionally puts His disciples in a hard situation? Share about a time when you felt like the disciples in v.24, "*A long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them...*"
4. Jesus sees us in the problem. The disciples were tired, wet, unable to reach land, and they don't know where Jesus is... but Jesus knows where His disciples are. When we can't see Jesus, we often believe that Jesus cannot see us. How does the truth of God's omnipresence encourage you in your times of struggle?



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5. Jesus comes to us in the darkest hour. Why do you think Jesus waited until the fourth watch of the night before He went to the disciples? If the disciples had cried out sooner, do you think they would have received assistance sooner? What can we learn about where we should first look for help?
6. Jesus comforts us in our problem. **Read Psalm 23.** Have you heard Jesus say to you, *“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid”*...? Do you find it difficult to hear Jesus or feel His comfort? If so, why do you think that is?
7. Jesus enables us in our problem. If you were Peter, would you have had the courage to ask to walk out to Jesus? How have you seen the power of God manifest in your life? Where are you desiring to see God work in your life today? What can cause you to take your eyes off Jesus?
8. Jesus reaches out and restores us in our failings. Jesus loves us through our shortcomings and when we fail to keep our eyes on Him. How can this encourage you and help you encourage others? Do you ever feel as though you do not deserve to be restored? How can feelings like this be resolved?
9. This problem deepens our faith in Jesus. Great men and women are shaped by their trials. These are often experiences that they would not want to repeat but also ones they would not want to exchange because of the formative impact they have had. Share about a trial you have had that has brought you into a closer relationship with Jesus.



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