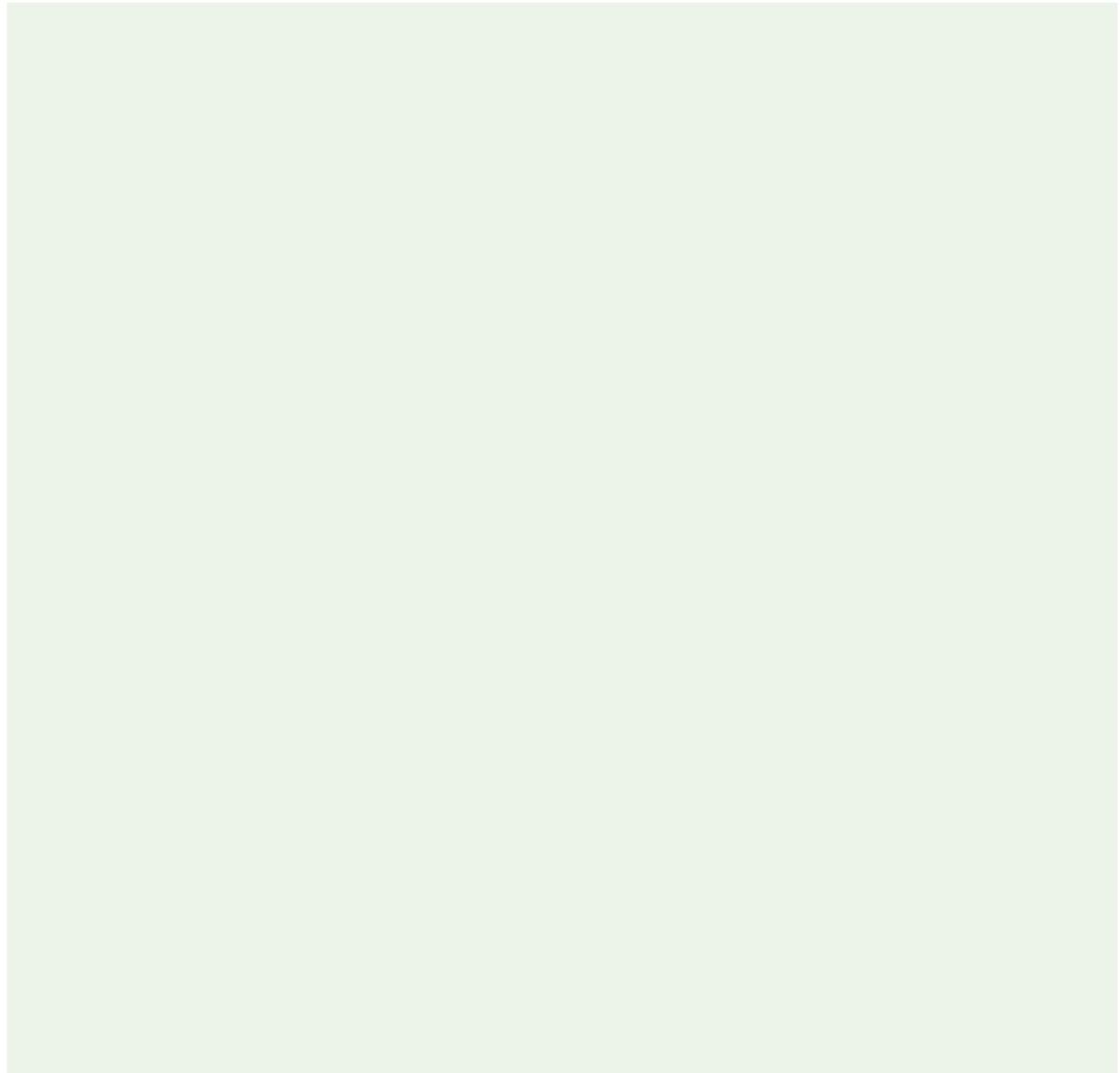


Sermon Notes - People of Messy Courage



Become Week 2

People of Messy Courage

Discussion Starters (choose 1 or 2) (5 minutes)

1. Why is it difficult to trust God? What creates lack of trust in people?
2. When was a time when you trusted God, and it turned out for the positive? What does it take in order for true trust in God to be present?

Watch Week 2 Become Video (video can also be viewed at extendgrace.org/become)

Discuss the Video: Other than God what are you trusting in?

Main Thoughts

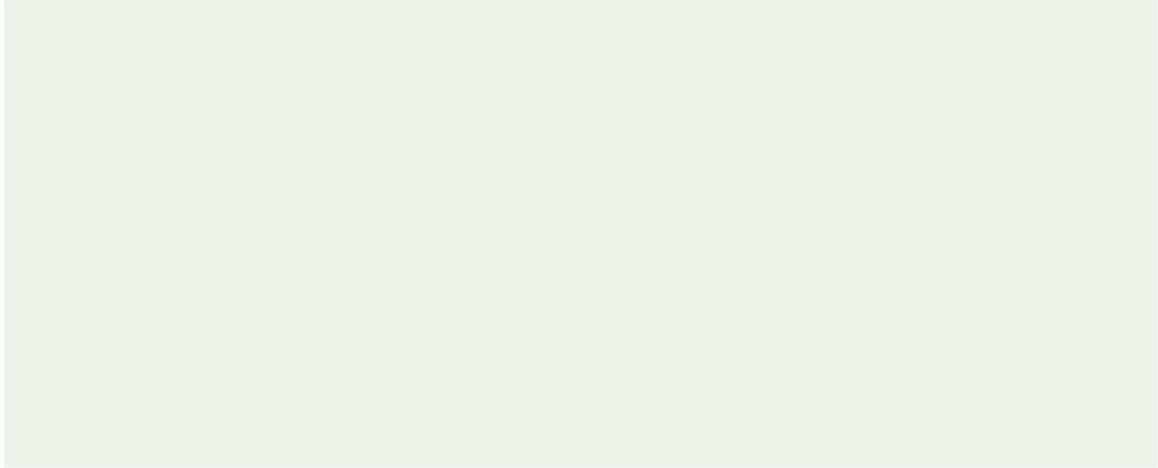
1. Jesus desires for us to step out of the boat and trust Him. Matthew 14:22-32
2. God asks us to trust Him so that we put our faith in Him, not in our own abilities. Genesis 22:2-18

Read Matthew 14:22-32 (as a group)

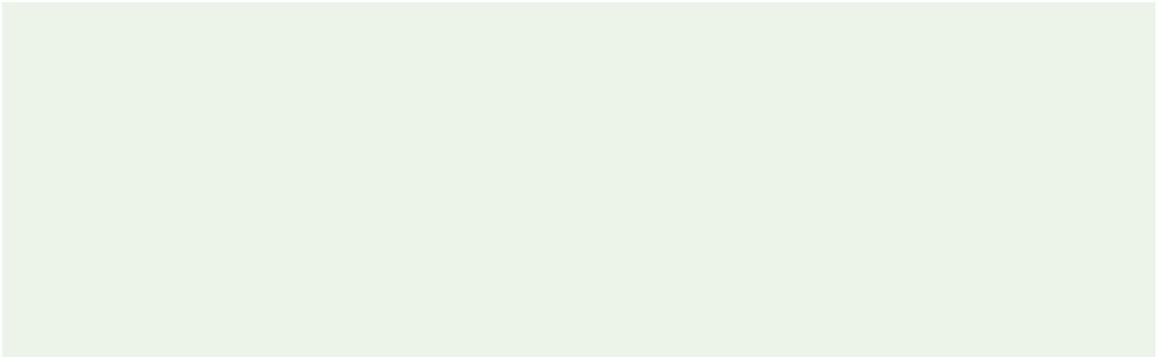
On your own consider each question and jot down your thoughts in the spaces provided.

What was the significance of Peter's demonstration of fear vs faith? What was Jesus trying to teach the disciples here? What do you think he was trying to teach Peter?

Have you ever “stepped out of the boat” in your faith in such a way that others might describe it like Peter walking on water? As in, it was so astounding that you were stepping out in faith to do this that it actually encouraged other people in their faith as well? Or, is there a time you’ve been encouraged by someone else’s extraordinary step of faith?



What do you look toward to ensure that tomorrow will be ok? Family? Friends? Money? Your career? Your talents and abilities? In what lies your security for the present and for the future?



Take time to discuss as a group .

Read Genesis 22:2-18 (as a group)

On your own consider each question and jot down your thoughts in the spaces provided.

After Abraham waits so long for a son, God now asks him to be willing to sacrifice his son, Isaac, on the altar of the Lord - how does this make any sense?! How is this fair?! What emotions are going through your head and your heart right now after reading this passage?

It is tempting for Abraham to believe (or for any of us to believe) that anything given to us by God is OURS, not His. How does this passage remind you of things in your own life that you maybe do not view completely surrendered to God, but still as “yours?”

Take time to discuss as a group.

PRAYER

Lord, You are our provider. We praise You for Your faithfulness to us. Give us the courage to surrender to You and step out in faith in the ways You are asking us. We trust You with all that we have and all that we are.

Sermon Notes - People of Priority

