

GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

'life on the water'

(part VIII of 'the Ask' series – 7/1/12)

Big idea . . .

We have been invited by God to ask Him for God-centered, and God-sized things. More than just ask, we are to live our lives in light of that which we are asking God. Peter is a good example of one who asked Jesus for something that seemed impossible, but as Peter learned and experienced, Jesus is able to take that which is impossible and make it possible. The story of Peter walking on the water with Jesus teaches us three truths about Jesus – truths that teach us how to live in light of our ask:

1. There is no one like Jesus – so place ALL your faith in Him alone.
2. When Jesus invites us to be with Him where He is, always say yes.
3. Jesus is worthy to be worshiped – keep your eyes fixed on Him at all times in all places.

Discussion Questions . . .

1. What is your Ask for 2012? Are you still asking? Are there things that have distracted you from asking God to do God-centered, God-sized things with you and through you? What are some ways in which you see God beginning to answer your ask? If you are not asking God for something in 2012, why not?
2. Do you really believe that God can do that which you are asking Him to do – meaning, do you have faith that God can do what we often declare as impossible? For Peter, Jesus said he had '[little faith](#)' – in other words, his faith was not functioning properly. What are some ways in which you have seen your faith not functioning properly? What are the consequences of a faith that does not function properly?
3. What if God does not answer your Ask in the exact way, or in the exact time frame that you have been asking? Would your image of who God is and what He's like change? Would you still worship God, or would God not answering your ask lead you to conclude that God does not care?
4. What is the correlation of Peter walking on water with Jesus and your Ask for 2012? How might this story in [Matthew 14](#) inspire, encourage, and challenge you to live differently over these next six months? What are some practical ways in which you can get out of the boat trusting that Jesus will sustain you as you seek to live life in light of your ask?
5. As a church, GENESIS is asking that God would allow us to reach 500 people in 2012. The primary way we are seeking to live in light of our Ask is two-fold:
 - a. **Live out the Gospel everyday** – in doing so, people will see transformation in our lives and people will ask 'what is making the difference in your life?' Our answer – Jesus!
 - b. **Live invitationally** – we are constantly inviting others into our imperfect lives and to our imperfect church so they can see how a Perfect God loves us. The conviction is simply this – as people see God in our midst, they will want to know more about who this God is.

Question – are you living out the Gospel everyday, and are you living invitationally? What are some practical ways in which you can continue to grow in living out the Gospel, and living invitationally?

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