

## **BRMC Small Group Study: John 6:16-21**

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### Context:

In the previous study, we have just seen Jesus provide food for the five thousand who have come to hear him. We studied how that passage reflected the Exodus in the Old Testament where God fed the Israelites.

In today's study, we continue the theme of the Passover as we see how Jesus reflects again the Exodus story. This story of Jesus walking on water also appears in Mark 6:45–52 and Matthew 14:22–32.

### Lesson Objectives:

1. To see how Jesus is God through the miracle.
2. To understand the purpose of his miracles.

### **Observation**

1. What are some key features of this passage? Note the time where this occurred, the place, and the sequence of events.

2. Read Mark 6:45–52 and Matthew 14:22–32. Compare the difference between the accounts.

### **Interpretation**

3. What were Jesus' words in this passage and why did he say them?

4. Seeing that the feeding of the five thousand was an allusion to Moses and his feeding of the Israelites, why do you think the author chose to tell the story of walking on water here?

5. Why did the author mention darkness (v.17)?

6. What was the second miracle mentioned in this passage? Why was it important?

**Application**

7. With the understanding of John's deliberate use of "darkness" as a metaphor of spiritual blindness, what are some moments or areas of darkness in your life?

8. Has there been times when we've left Jesus out in the water? What would taking Jesus into the boat look like for you and your small group?