

Bible Study Discussion Notes
Trusting God Beyond the Ordinary, Out of the Depths, Into the Adventure
Week Beginning 27th February 2011.

Welcome.

Q: When was the last 'adventure' you went on?

Word.

Q: Read the 3 parallel passages to get a rounded picture of the events of that night. John 6:16-24, Mark 6:45-52, and Matthew 14:22-36.

1. Trusting God Beyond the Ordinary.

God has plans for you, for me and for our church and they are for our blessing and through us for the abundant blessing of others.

Q: What do you think the people's different motivations were for Jesus (see John 6:26)?

Q: Why do you think the people wanted to make Jesus king by force (John 6:15), what was their agenda? Do you think the disciples would have agreed or resisted this suggestion (see Mark 6:52)?

Q: Name some of the things that Jesus had in mind for his ministry and for theirs? Compare this vision to the people's vision for their own life. Why and how are they different?

Q: What do you think God could do through our church family here in Lewes and beyond?

2. Encountering God Out of the Depths.

Jesus sends the disciples out in a boat and he finds a place that overlooks the lake. The lake is surrounded by mountains that slope into the Galilean Sea. And on a clear moonlit night you can easily look over the water and see what was taking place.

Q: Why do you think Jesus sent the disciples across the lake at night, this night? And what was Jesus doing and why?

Q: Why did Jesus arrive when he did?

Q: In what way do the disciples see Jesus differently now and why?

Q: In what ways has Jesus saved us and what are the things that Jesus has saved us from?

Q: What has Jesus saved us for?

3. Stepping out into the Adventure.

Q: Why do you think the other disciples did not get out of the boat? And what did they miss?

Q: In what ways can you and I "stay in the boat" and what do we miss?

Q: Why do you think Peter got out of the boat?

Q: What happened that caused Peter to sink?

Q: If Jesus knew that Peter would slip, why did he call him?

Q: In what ways in the past has Southover "got out of the boat" and how has God responded

Q: When have we "got out of the boat" and given to God our time, our finances, our abilities, our hopes, our trust, our lives? And what did God do with them?