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Walking on Water

Mark 6:45-52

“Celebrity” is not a part of Jesus’ spiritual growth plan for his disciples, as there is nothing about it that is _____ for us. Jesus tried to avoid popularity both for himself and for his disciples and there is a lesson there for us.

Discussion 1. Why do you suppose Jesus tried to avoid popularity and “celebrity” status? Why do you suppose contemporary Christians are so enamored with celebrity pastors?

Following Jesus means there is never a time in my life when I am without Him. Even when I think or feel alone, hidden from Him, He _____ and He is walking with me, whether or not I am expecting it.

Discussion 2. Can you recall a moment or season when God surprised you by “showing up” unexpectedly? Did it scare you? Did it comfort you? Did it help you? How?

When God shows up unexpectedly in our lives, it is not merely to help us; it is to reveal Himself to us in a new way we never would have imagined. The God Who knows us wants us to _____.

Discussion 3. To you, why is it important that God wants to be known by you? What’s the difference, practically speaking, between a God who doesn’t want to be known and a God who wants to be known by us? What difference does it make?

Walking with Jesus means constantly gaining a deeper and deeper understanding of Him. If my understanding of Jesus today is the same as it was a decade ago (or a year ago, or yesterday), then something is _____.

Discussion 4. If you look back over a year and realize your understanding of Jesus has not changed, i.e., has not deepened, how do you fix that? What would you do differently?