

# FORWARD



## Part 3 - I have decided to ... Take the Risk

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**Open with prayer.**

### Get to Know You (10 Minutes)

- Share a time you did something that was not easy for you? How did it stretch you?

### Observation & Discussion (30 Minutes)

#### Matthew 14:25-29

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

1. Read the Matthew passage again, putting yourself in the place of the disciples. What questions do you have and how would you have responded to Jesus?
2. How did Jesus respond to the disciples' fear?
3. Is there something specific God is asking you to 'take courage' in?

4. Verse 28 says, “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” What is holding you back from asking God this question and getting out of the boat, or what is pushing you to move forward?

## Next Step (10 Minutes)

### Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- We are on mission with God to make disciples. This week ask God what it looks like for you to get out of the boat in faith. What is your next step that requires trust and courage?

## Prayer Requests (5 Minutes)

Pray with your group to close.

## Challenge

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