



The One Who
Invites Us to Serve
Matthew 14:13-36 | Sept. 13, 2015

2. Jesus wants to GROW YOUR FAITH through your Serving.

- Jesus will CALL and PUSH us into situations where we have to TRUST Him.
- When we bring our LITTLE to Him, Jesus does GREAT things with it.
- We do what we can do as we TRUST Him for what only He can do.
- When we TRUST Jesus, He MEETS us.
- Often our serving today is TRAINING and PREPARATION for something more and greater tomorrow.

As we think today about our shared call to serve one another in the local church, Jesus reminds us that serving is the very heart and center of the Gospel . . .

1. Jesus wants to BLESS OTHERS through your Serving.

- Jesus doesn't NEED us, but He wants to USE us.
- We have the extraordinary PRIVILEGE of being involved in His work.
- We all have been BLESSED through the serving of OTHERS.



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Questions for Family & Small Group Discussion

1. In Matthew 14, we see some intimate and intentional interactions between Jesus and His disciples, where Jesus is putting His guys in situations to stretch and growth their faith. Do you think that Jesus puts you in situations to stretch your faith? What situations are stretching and growing your faith today?
2. Read Matthew 14:13-21. What was the need in Matthew 14:13-15? How do the disciples and Jesus respond to the need differently?
3. Serving is often inconvenient and personally draining. How was this situation inconvenient for Jesus? How was it inconvenient for the disciples?
4. Jesus wants to use your serving to bless others. What is the blessing Jesus brings through the disciples' serving in Matthew 14? How have you been blessed through the serving of others? What are some ways you've blessed others through your serving?
5. When we bring our little to Jesus, He does great things with it. Are you willing to bring your "little" to Jesus and let Him use it?
6. Peter's walking on the water illustrates that "risk is right" when we are following Jesus. How might Jesus be calling you to get out of the safe boat?
7. What do we mean when we say "serving is at the heart and center of the Gospel" and how does this text teach this? Why must we link our serving to the Gospel . . . what Jesus has done for us?

