



## Sermon Overview

In Mark 6:45-56 we continue to see the process of the Twelve *becoming* the disciples. Confusion and frustration are commonplace for Jesus' followers because they struggle to connect the dots between knowing who Jesus is and trusting what Jesus will do.

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## Getting Started

1. What are some current disconnects you experience between knowing who Jesus is and trusting what he will do in and through you?

## Starting with God

2. Compare Jesus' instructions to the disciples in vv. 31-32 with vv. 45-46. What seems to be the priority? Why do you believe Jesus makes this a priority?
3. In verses 47-48 we see Jesus perform a miraculous act in joining the disciples out on the water. Why does Jesus do this? (*Notice: The disciples are struggling against the wind, but not in danger*).

4. Mark 6:48b says that Jesus “meant to pass them by” when walking on the water. This can seem like a confusing statement. What do you think Jesus is trying to accomplish?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How does Jesus react to the terror of the disciples in vv. 49-51?

### Living God’s Word

6. The disciples, in Mark’s account alone, have numerous and first-hand objective and empirical accounts of Jesus’ power (through miracles) and purpose (through his priorities, compassion, word and deed). However, they “did not understand” and their “hearts were hardened” (v. 52). Do you feel you understand God’s power and purpose in and through Jesus? What areas of your life do you sometimes fail, like the disciples, to connect the dots between knowing and trusting; between knowledge and faith?

### Prayer

*Father God,  
Thank you for your revealing yourself as savior in Jesus Christ. Please change my heart to look only to you for salvation from all challenges in this life and my sin that threatens eternal life with you. Liberate me from finding hope in myself that I may find true rest in you.  
Amen.*