

# RESOURCES

One of the best things about SYG are the conversations that happen around a campfire. We want to encourage those conversations and help keep them going after our evening program finishes. Use the message recap and the conversation starters below to help you follow up your youth after the session!

## SATURDAY MESSAGE RECAP

Before we can effectively share the Good News and impact the world, we must first be deeply impacted by Jesus ourselves. To do this we must recognise distractions in our lives, acknowledge His presence and respond to His call. The story of Jesus walking on the water provides us with powerful lessons on how to be impacted by His presence, power, and love. Using this story (Matthew 14:22–33), let's discuss how we can prepare our hearts and minds for this mission, preparing ourselves to be RELEASED and GO.

### Matthew 14:22-33 NLT

<sup>22</sup> Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. <sup>23</sup> After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

<sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. <sup>25</sup> About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

<sup>29</sup> "Yes, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

- <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"
- <sup>32</sup> When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup> Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

Use these below questions to guide your conversations. The win is not necessarily to answer all the questions more so to create a healthy conversation around what has impacted our lives and if Jesus has Impacted our lives are we ready to GO?

#### **Remove Distractions:**

What are some common distractions in your life that hinder your spiritual growth? How can you create a daily routine that prioritises time with God? Can you share a time when removing a distraction helped you feel closer to God?

### Acknowledge His Presence:

How do you recognise Jesus' presence in your everyday life? What practices help you stay mindful of God's presence during difficult times? Can you recall a moment when acknowledging Jesus' presence brought you peace or clarity?

### Respond to His Call:

What does it mean to be called by God? What is a recent example of Jesus calling you to step out in faith? What fears or challenges do you face when responding to Jesus' call?