

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for August 9, 2020:
How Big is Your God?



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with CGS Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- Tell a story about a time when you were in over your head.

- **GROW** *in Christ*

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 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. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

John 17:9-11, 20-21

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Have you ever been on a boat in a storm? How might the pandemic feel like a storm?
- How familiar would the disciples be with boats and storms? What is new to them in this experience?
- When has Jesus been your city of refuge in a storm?
- How might you be a city of refuge to others?

- **SERVE** *others*

Give your 20 year-old self a piece of advice.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**