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Break the Ice

-Are you the type of person who watches a storm from the porch, hits the basement before the radar shows yellow, or goes out looking for where the storm is most severe?

<u>Up</u>

- -Read Matthew 14:22-33. What stands out, confuses, or challenges you from this passage or the message?
- -This story happens right after the feeding of the 5,000. Why do you think Jesus sent the disciples into this storm right after these events?
- -Faith can be defined as "trusting God enough to do what He say." Peter had built trust in Jesus. What has built your trust in Jesus that encourages you to take steps of obedience?

<u>In</u>

- -Think of a time when you were in a life storm of significance. How did your circumstances effect your understanding of the situation or Jesus?
- -How can you relate to Peter—starting out in strong faith, but getting overwhelmed by the circumstances around you? Do you notice any themes that keep coming up?

Out

- -How we respond to people going through storms matters. What are phrases that were said to you with good intentions, but proved to be unhelpful or insensitive? What would you have preferred in that moment?
- -Many of us keep our storms to ourselves. How can you engage people in a way that breaks this barrier down?

Prayer

-Spend time praying as a group for our storms and our compassion for those around us who find themselves in storms.