**Faith Grows through Training**

Mark 6:45-56

Key Verse: 6:52

1. After feeding the crowd, why did Jesus go to a mountainside to pray? (45-46; cf. John 6:15)

2. What happened to the disciples as they crossed the lake? (47-48) What was their reaction when they saw Jesus walking on the lake? (49-50a) Why did they not recognize Jesus?

3. What did Jesus say to the terrified disciples? (50b) How was Jesus trying to teach his disciples about his divinity?

4. How does Mark explain the disciples’ terror and amazement? (52) Why couldn’t they deduce that Jesus could walk on the water after he fed the 5,000? Why do disciples need to be trained in faith?

5. Read verses 53-56. What does this teach us about Jesus’ compassion and about the needs of the shepherdless people?