**TAKE COURAGE! IT IS I. DON’T BE AFRAID**

Matthew 14:22-36

Key Verse 14:27 “But Jesus immediately said to them: Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’”

1. Why did Jesus send his disciples ahead of him to the other side of the lake? (22; cf. John 6:15-16)

2. What was the disciples’ situation on the lake? (22,24) What did Jesus do and why? (25; cf. Mark 6:48)

3. What was their response when they saw Jesus walking toward them? (26) What did Jesus say to assure them? (27)

4. When Peter heard Jesus’ voice, what did he say and do? (28) How could he walk on water at first, and why did he begin to sink? (29-31)

5. What did the disciples learn about Jesus? (32-33) What do you think he was teaching them and Peter—and us through this event? How can we overcome our doubts and fears through Jesus?