

# Looking Forward: First Steps

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## Matthew 14:13-33

On Sunday Pastor Paul used Matthew's narrative in Matthew 14:13-33 as a springboard for a series of invitations as we look to the future. If you were not present on Sunday, take a few moments to watch the message online.

Whether you are using this hand-out as a personal tool, or with your family or with a small group start with prayer. Invite the Father to use the next several moments to speak to you as you face these questions.

### Introductory Questions

#### 1. Why are you following Jesus?

NOTE: the question is not "Why do you go to church?"

#### 2. Where is Jesus "found" in your days... life... week... workplace... school?



### The Four Invitations

#### 1. Pursue Jesus

- a. Are you more like Jesus now than you were at the start of the pandemic? Prove it...
- b. What are you doing now that will ensure that you are more like Jesus by December of this year?

#### 2. Obey Jesus

- a. Are you willing to follow Jesus into the unknown? ...the impossible? ...the ridiculous? In other words, are you willing to step out of the boat like Peter, simply because Jesus says, "Come!"?



### 3. Expect Jesus

- a. Do you expect Jesus to be present when you go to church? How about when you wake up in the morning? How about at work? How about when things are not going your way? Is Jesus present with you now? What might He be inviting you to in this moment?

### 4. Mimic Jesus

- a. Is there someone God is inviting you to forgive? Is there someone who needs your hand extended in grace?

### Deeper...?

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Pick one of the four that resonates with you... celebrate it...

Pick the one that you struggle with the most... make it a matter of prayer



Let's gather around Jesus...

**Sundays @10am**