

READ AND OBSERVE

- BEFORE YOU MEET WITH YOUR GROUP, READ THROUGH MATTHEW CHAPTERS 14-18..
- WRITE DOWN 2-3 OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE CHAPTER. WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU? WHAT IS INTERESTING? WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?
- WRITE DOWN 2-3 QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE CHAPTER. WHAT IS CONFUSING? WHAT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? KEEP THESE QUESTIONS IN MIND TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP.

THINK

- WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE DONE THAT HAVE HELPED YOU TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH? SHARE THEM WITH YOUR GROUP.
- HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE "FAITH"? WHAT TWO TYPES OF FAITH DOES JESUS MENTION IN 14:31 AND 15:28? WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO TYPES OF FAITH? SEE ALSO ROMANS 10:17, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7, EPHESIANS 2:8-9 AND HEBREWS 11:1.
- WHAT SIMILARITIES DO YOU NOTICE BETWEEN MATTHEW 14:13-21 AND MATTHEW 15:32-39? WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES? WHY DO YOU THINK MATTHEW INCLUDED BOTH OF THESE ACCOUNTS IN HIS GOSPEL?
- READ THROUGH MATTHEW 15:1-20. WHAT CHARGE ARE THE PHARISEES BRINGING BEFORE JESUS? HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE HIS RESPONSE IN VERSES 15:3-9? WHAT "PARABLE" DOES JESUS USE TO ANSWER THE PHARISEE'S CHARGE (15:10-11)? HOW DOES HIS EXPLANATION OF THE PARABLE (15:16-20) CLARIFY THE ISSUE? HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THE LEADERS TAUGHT?



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THINK CONTINUED...

SKIM THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES LISTED BELOW AND FILL IN THE CHART:

SCRIPTURE	INCIDENT IS A:			JESUS WANTS HEARERS TO:		
	miracle	teaching	other:	grow in faith	be corrected	other:
Matthew 14:22-36						
Matthew 15:21-28						
Matthew 15:29-31						
Matthew 16:1-4						
Matthew 16:5-12						
Matthew 16:13-20						
Matthew 16:21-28						
Matthew 17:14-20						
Matthew 17:24-26						

READ THROUGH CHAPTER 18 AND WRITE DOWN THE FOUR MAIN ISSUES JESUS ADDRESSES:

ISSUE 1: Matthew 18:1-5	ISSUE 2: Matthew 18:6-9
ISSUE 3: Matthew 18:10-20	ISSUE 4: Matthew 18:21-35

PROCESS & APPLY

HOW IS GOD SPEAKING TO YOU THIS WEEK ABOUT WHAT'S "ON THE INSIDE" IN YOUR LIFE VS. WHAT'S "ON THE OUTSIDE"? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

THINK BACK OVER THIS WEEK'S LESSON. WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY DOING TO GROW YOUR FAITH? IS THERE MORE TO DO? HOW WOULD THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY YOU LIVE AS JESUS' DISCIPLE?