

Camp Copass Boys Camp 2008 - Bible Study #3

Theme: Wild to Follow

Peter's Walk on the Wild Side

Memory Verse: Jesus said, "Follow Me. Pursue life." Matthew 8:22

Bible Study Text: Matthew 16:13-20, Matthew 14:22-33

Object: Boys will learn it is important not just to believe in Jesus but that we must follow Him without question.

Peter was probably the most outspoken and wildest of Jesus' disciples. When Jesus asked Peter to follow Him, Peter did not hesitate. Matthew 4:18 says Peter threw down his nets and left immediately. Peter was not shy about asking tough questions or making bold statements. Jesus called Peter the Rock, or foundation of the coming church.

Peter was wild enough to follow Jesus anywhere. Matthew 14:22-33 tells of a night when Peter followed Jesus to a miracle. That night Jesus was tired and needed some time alone, so He sent the disciples out on the sea while He stayed on shore to pray. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they cried out in terror. But Jesus was quick to tell them, "Have courage, it's Me. Don't be afraid."

When Peter heard that he said boldly, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come ahead," and Peter did, walking across the wind-blown sea, keeping his eyes on Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!" and Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed Peter's hand.

Peter was wild to follow Jesus anywhere, even on a walk over waves. This week you'll meet several people who have made the decision to follow Jesus anywhere and everywhere. Have you decided to follow Jesus? Will you follow Him wildly?

Wild Quiz:

What does Peter's name mean?

Why would Peter attempt to walk on water like Jesus?

When he tried to walk on water why did he sink?

What did Peter say when he began to sink into the water?

How can we have faith to step out of the boat like Peter?

What things in your life need to change for you to be considered a rock?

Have you made the most important decision for Jesus?