The JOURNEYMEN

"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it to you: come with us, and we will do you good..."
-- Numbers 10:29

Book Study – Matthew 14:1-36

John the Baptist Beheaded – Jesus Feeds Five Thousand – Jesus Walks on Water

Before We Begin Our Journey...

1. How does peer pressure become more sophisticated as we get older?
2. Where do you go when you want to be alone?
3. What is the most frightening experience you've ever had around water?

Do Some Digging and Pre-planning...

4. Why did Herod put John in prison? (14:3)
5. Why didn't Herod act on his wishes? (14:5)
6. Why did Herod carry out the execution of John? (14:9)
7. What did the disciples want Jesus to tell the crowds? Why? How did Jesus respond? (14:15-16)
8. How large a crowd was fed? (14:21)
9. Explain what is happening here in these three verses…what situation has arisen? (14:22-24)
10. What miracle did Christ perform and how did the disciples react to what they saw? (14:25-26)

Sort, Organize, Gain Understanding...

11. What situations make you most susceptible to peer pressure?
12. What should you do if you make a promise that pressures you to compromise or to do the wrong thing?
13. In vs. 13-21, how would you have felt in the disciples' shoes?
14. What does this passage tell you about God?
15. What situations cause you the most fear in life?
16. Write down…"what does this passage teach you to do?"

Direction Finder...

Application for the Journey...

17. What can you do to strengthen yourself against peer pressure?
18. To what quiet place will you go this week for a couple of hours to get away from your busyness, review your priorities, and let God renew your spirit?
19. In what practical way can you demonstrate faith as you go through the coming week?

A prayer for your journey…

"Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life." ***-Amen***