



SHOOTER SHOOT

ENGAGE

WELCOME

Make the students feel welcomed, wanted and seen.

Shake hands, give high-fives, write name tags, and connect them to other students.

ICEBREAKER (INTERACTIVE OR VERBAL)

Play a game with the Huddle or discuss the following to kick things off:

- *How often do the fears you create in your mind actually come to reality?*
- *What does this tell you about fear?*

(Option) Think - Pair - Share: Think about last week's challenge. How did it go? Pair with the person next to you and share any wins or thoughts from the previous week.

READ: Matthew 14:22-33

“Yes, come,’ Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. ‘Save me, Lord!’ he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. ‘You have so little faith,’ Jesus said. ‘Why did you doubt me?’”

EQUIP

SAY: As an athlete, there are times when we are filled with doubt and fear. We want to step up, but our thoughts of inadequacy hold us back. In basketball, a coach will strategically put a player in to make the shot, but if he or she hesitates, the opportunity quickly fades away. Why do we doubt ourselves when the coach has full confidence in us to get the job done?

Peter was the same way. When he saw Christ walking on the water, he wanted to be with Him, but quickly became afraid. When Jesus called him out of the boat, Peter tried, but when fear and doubt set in, he failed. Peter’s problem was that he took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the rolling waves. He got distracted by all that was happening around him, and his faith wavered.

When Peter began to sink, he cried out, “Lord save me.” We read that Jesus *immediately* reached out to catch him. He didn’t make Peter stop and think about what

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he was doing or why he was sinking. Jesus immediately reached out to save Peter from drowning. The Lord does the same for us. Jesus often calls us out of the boat and into uncomfortable situations. He calls us to take steps of faith in full confidence that He is there to catch us. The chances of us walking on water are slim, but we will walk through tough and even terrifying situations. If we focus on the difficult circumstances around us, we will surely sink. We must keep our gaze fixed on the Father, who has proven He is there to catch us if we fall. Jesus' power is mightier than the waves crashing around us.

INTENTIONAL CONVERSATION

The win of a Huddle is empowering key leaders to create an environment in a sports community where the gospel is made known and lived out through intentional conversation. Spend time in small groups discussing the following questions:

1. Why do we have doubts and fear about our present or future circumstances if we know Jesus is there to catch us?
2. What is one impossible situation that you are facing now or recently faced? How can/did you overcome this?
3. What is Jesus calling you to step out of the boat in faith to do?

EMPOWER CHALLENGE

SAY: This week, how can you do to step out of your comfort zone to be a better teammate, friend, sibling, son/daughter? We encourage you to take a step of faith and trust that God is guiding your step of faith.

PRAYER

Break the Huddle. Invite the students to come back next week to engage with one another.

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