

Risk for the Kingdom: Faith

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: Taking risks and trusting on God

Who this is for: Everyone

Desired impact on disciples: Gain faith and boldness by taking risks

Desired impact on campus/home/others: See the faith in action

Regularly step out in faith. Step out of your comfort zones and put yourself in situations where you have to trust God. Depend on God daily. The call to follow Jesus is a call to faith. It's a call to completely trust in God and depend on Him daily. If we truly believe that Jesus is who He says He is then stepping out in faith is really no risk at all; because in Jesus we gain everything!

Hear the word

John 6:1-15

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

- How do you see the disciples trusting Jesus in the passage?
- What do you think is going through the disciples' heads in this passage?
- In this passage God's provision is connected to the disciple's risk-taking faith. How is Jesus calling you to have faith right now?
- In what ways has God provided when you have "risked for the kingdom" in the past?

Respond actively

What does it look like for us to step out in faith or "risk for the kingdom"? It looks like doing things that only Jesus can do. We must trust the Holy Spirit to lead us in the process.

- What is one way God is calling you to step out in faith? (if there is nothing coming to mind, take a moment to pray and ask Jesus where he is calling you to "risk for the kingdom").
- Share whatever it is God is calling you to with a friend on campus. Ask them to hold you accountable to it. (Call or text them right now!)
- Take a risk for the kingdom, actually do whatever it is God is calling you to! Do it by the end of the day.

Debrief and Interpret

- What emotions did you experience as you risked for the kingdom?
- What did Jesus call you to do? Did you do it? How did you see the Lord provide in it?
- What has God shown you today about risking for the kingdom of God?

- What is one way you could start to live out this principle moment by moment? (be as specific as possible)

Expand the influence

Bring someone with you on your next risky action