



LIFEGROUPS

Series: **Worldwide Week**

Bible Focus: **Matthew 14:22-29**

Date: **Oct. 29 & 30, 2016**

—[**LET'S TALK**]—

- What is one character trait you have been working on improving or changing?

—[**CHOOSE 1 SIDE**]—

—[**LET'S WARM UP**]—

- Dr. Brené Brown once said, "Choose comfort or courage. They are mutually exclusive." Do you agree?
- What do you associate with "risk?"

—[**LET'S WARM UP**]—

- What does it mean to be lost? Who do you think are lost people in our world today?
- How have you seen others treat the lost in our society?

—[**LET'S DIG**]—

- Read Luke 9:23-26 and discuss comfort, risk, and faith.
1. What is Jesus saying in 9:23? (Read the NLT version for some extra insight)
 2. What does Jesus' call here mean for our desire to be comfortable?
 3. What does one risk, and what is promised when doing what Christ says here?
 4. How are risk and faith related? Can one exist without the other?

—[**LET'S DIG**]—

- Read Luke 15 and discuss having a broken heart for the lost.
1. According to 15:1-3, why does Jesus tell these parables?
 2. Consider the shepherd, woman, and father; why are they so happy when they find what was lost to them?
 3. Why is it hard for the older brother to be joyful? What is different about the way he and the father see the prodigal son?
 4. What does this tell us about Jesus' heart for the lost?

—[**LET'S ACT**]—

- Take a risk with God—for others! Consider what you are currently doing, or what you could do, to unashamedly risk for God. Consider how Jesus is calling you to step out in faith for the sake of the lost. Take some time to write these things down and prayerfully consider how you should respond. Some ideas to think about:
 - Joining Steiger Ministries International
 - Going on a Wooddale sponsored mission trip
 - Being a leader for Wooddale's Children's or Youth Ministry, or another ministry

