

June 26, 2016
No Wake Zone: Part 5
Dr. Alex Himaya

1. To introduce his message Dr. Himaya (Alex) told about briefly leaving his 5-year-old daughter behind at a restaurant.

*Was there a time when you briefly lost or left behind one of your children, or do you know of a situation like that?

*How did everyone feel at reunion?

2. Alex began his message by discussing a passage in Mark 4:35-41. Read that section again and discuss the following questions:

*Alex pointed to a detail sometimes missed when reading these verses. What significance did he give, or what significance is there in the phrase, "There were also other boats with him."

*The disciples, like Martha, asked Jesus if he cared about something, in their case specifically, "don't you care if we drown." Jesus seemed to use these ironic statements to teach. What might he have taught them by his response in these verses?

3. Alex's main text was Matthew 16:13-20. Read verses 13-18. How did Alex describe the region of Caesarea Philippi?

4. Alex said Caesarea Philippi was a bastion of idolatry and that one thing Jesus's going there shows is that Jesus does not run from messy people; instead He approaches them.

*How does that statement make you feel personally?

*Who are the messy people in your life, or what groups constitute messy people?

*How do we react to messy people?

5. When Jesus asked the disciples who people said he was, what did they answer?

6. What did Peter answer when Jesus said, "Who do you say I am?"

7. When Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah." Why did Jesus call Peter, "son of Jonah"?

8. Along with Peter's answer, what would you say if Jesus asked you, "Who do you say I am?"

9. Alex told about Peter's vision in Acts 10:9-22, which prepared for his call to the Gentile house of Cornelius, where his whole household was saved. In the vision, Alex made the point that God said don't call anything unclean that God has called clean. Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh until God insisted. Peter might have refused to go to the household of Cornelius until God taught him.

*Is there someone we don't want to go to?

*Does God saying for us not to call anything unclean that he has called clean have personal significance to you?