

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Focus on the Future
March 7, 2010

Text: Matthew 14:31-33

Future Focus #1: Missional living begins with our questions about the actions of Jesus in our world.

“And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him?” –Matthew 8:27 (ESV)

Future Focus #2: Missional living moves us to recognition of the power of God in our world.

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” –Matthew 14:31-33 (ESV)

Future Focus #3: Missional living leads us to a personal affirmation the Jesus is our deliverer.

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” –Matthew 16:15-16 (ESV)

Future Focus #4: Missional living calls us to live under Jesus’ authority and empowerment.

And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, God therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” –Matthew 28:17-20 (ESV)