



BEREAN
SMALL GROUPS

FOR THE GOSPEL
ROMANS 1:16

Jesus can Calm the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Read Mark 4:35-41 together:

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Studying the Text:

- ? Read Mark 4:38. Pastor Pete reminded us of who Jesus is: fully God and fully man! How do we see Jesus' divinity and humanity on display in this passage?
- ? Read Mark 4:39-40. How do Jesus' command to his creation and his question to his disciples show us the depths and awesomeness of who Jesus is? How does his question still ring in our storms?
- ? What does Jesus' question to his disciples show us about true faith? How did Jesus' question redirect the focus of his disciples?

Jesus is the Creator, Commander, and Savior of Creation:

- ? How does Jesus' status as Creator change the way you view storms in your life? How does knowing that the Creator of everyone and everything wants to be close to you give you hope, even in the middle of a storm?
- ? Read Mark 4:41. How have we seen Jesus' command over creation at work in the gospel of Mark, and how does that authority remind us to be in awe of him?
- ? Read Mark 4:36. Mark writes that Jesus entered the boat "just as he was." Jesus didn't need to bring any additional power or authority with him into the boat. He was an entirely sufficient Savior already! How can knowing that Jesus saves and stays with us through his limitless love and power lead us to trust and cry out to him in our storms?

Application:

- ? Pastor Pete encouraged us to worship in the middle of our storm. What are some of your favorite passages of Scripture that remind you of Jesus and who he is? How can those passages lead you to worship him?
- ? Pastor Pete also encouraged us to remember God's faithfulness in the past. Talk about a time when God showed you his incredible love and faithfulness. How does remembering that moment change the way you view the storm you're in now or help prepare you for hard times when they come?
- ? Finally, Pastor Pete encouraged us to confess any sin we're holding onto that could be causing our storm. What do you need to confess to God and forsake? How can we hold each other accountable and encourage one another in our battle against sin this week?