

Message Notes

JESUS part 7: Peace in the Boat

Mark 4:35-41

→ what is it that you believe?

#1 Every storm **reveals** some beliefs that your heart **conceals**.

→ different causes and types of storms

#2 Don't allow the presence of any type of storm cause you to doubt the **presence of God**.

→ a strategic getaway - **vs. 35-36**

→ pride, ignorance, or a combination - **vs. 37-38, 41**

#3 In what area of your life are you **denying** God **access**?

→ ending the storm **vs. 39**

→ the motivation behind the rebuke - **vs. 40**

#4 Peace is not found in the **absence** of storms, but in the **presence** of God.

→ 2 Timothy 4:16-17; Psalm 16

Group Questions

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1. Think about some difficult times or storms that happened in your past. What internal beliefs (right or wrong) were impacting the way you lived on the outside?

2. There can be overlap, but there are basically three main ways that storms can come up in your life. Some are **your own fault**, some are the **fault of others**, and some are caused or **permitted by God**.

How does each storm type uniquely tempt you to doubt God's presence?

What impact does it have on you to recognize and depend on his presence in each type?

3. **Read Mark 4:35-41**. What do you think motivated Jesus to rebuke his disciples in verse 40?

4. Agree or disagree: God is upset with you when you doubt his presence when you are in the presence of a storm.

5. Pride and ignorance can lead a person to deny God access to a certain area of life. What is an area of your life that you feel like you have been giving God limited access to? What impact will this have if/when a storm comes?

6. Are you on your way out of a storm? In the midst of one? On your way into one? What's one thing from this message that spoke to your situation?

7. **Read Psalm 16**. Which verse(s) do you think would be especially helpful to keep in your heart when storms arise?