

LIFEGROUP

Weekly Sermon Study Guide

SERMON SERIES: Faith > Fear

SERMON TITLE: Jesus Calms the Storm

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:35-41

DATE PREACHED: March 15, 2020

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

The 'Minor Prophets' sermon series has been put on hold while church services are suspended. This sermon series, Faith>Fear, is geared towards what is happening right now (coronavirus, or COVID-19) in our culture.

As a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be a good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows for everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

What are some things you hope to do during this time of "social distancing" during COVID-19? (Binge watch a TV series, read, a minor DIY project, etc.)

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
2. Describe the scene in Mark 4:35-37. How do you think the disciples felt in that moment? How would you have felt?
3. When have you felt like a storm was hitting your life? How did you feel during that time?
 - a. Maybe a follow up question – How do you feel right now in the midst of the COVID pandemic?
4. The disciples have seen Jesus perform miracles and show compassion towards others, so why do you think they said to him "don't you care?" What was really at the heart of their question?
5. Read verses 39-40. This is the crux of the passage. What are these verses saying to you? How should we approach situations that seem to be out of our control?
6. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
7. What can we learn about people from this week's scripture?

MY NEXT STEP:

Read Psalm 46. Write down words or phrases that stick out to you in this passage. May our prayer be that of verse 10, "Be still, and know that I am God."

PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.