



JESUS CALMS THE STORM

It's one of the most familiar vignettes in the Gospels. The account in Mark is detailed and unforced, giving the story the textures of authentic, eyewitness testimony. We are invited into a raw drama: the squall is so violent the disciples are overcome with terror. And Jesus sleeps! Does He care nothing for all the souls onboard? Jesus rises and stills the storm's fury in an effortless display of sovereign power and majesty. The disciples' fear of the sea is displaced by fear of the Teacher, "who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?!" The storms of life will come. The disciples' budding faith may have faltered that night on the Sea of Galilee, but they asked the critical question. For voyagers who truly know their Lord, they will be ready to face any storm.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

MINISTRY AT THE SEA OF GALILEE

THE VOYAGE

THE STORM ON GALILEE

JESUS RESPONDS

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS EVENT?

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than five minutes to quickly review the main points from Sunday's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. *Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.*

1. At the beginning of this story, Jesus felt the need to retreat. Before the group could get to their destination, a great storm arose, objectively terrifying the disciples. What are some circumstances that you've experienced that made you fearful for the present and the future? How did you handle those events?
2. Nature itself responded with total complicity when Jesus chastised it. What are some things that this story tells us about the nature of Christ?
3. Have you ever had a moment where you've been so in awe of God that you've asked the same questions the disciples did, saying "Who is this?" What did that look like for you?
4. Jesus calls us to exercise complete faith in Him no matter what. Saying that is easy; doing it is hard. What are some practical steps you can take when overwhelmed by fear in order to place your trust more fully in Christ?