



Here Be Dragons

Forrest Jenan – November 6, 2016

HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)

1. Check in to see how everyone's week was.
2. Take time to review this week's teaching and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, and encouraged you.

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

3. Ancient mapmakers would mark unknown territories of ocean with large sea monsters to display the terror that would be found in the unknown. They imagined it with their worst fears rather than stepping into the unknown.
 - a. When you come to an "unknown" area of life, how do you respond?
 - b. Do you draw "dragons" over the difficult areas of your life and try to avoid them?
4. Forrest talked briefly about the Leviathan, a dragon like creature that represented the chaos and confusion of the sea. (Israel believed the sea to represent disorder and chaos). But it is God who defeats this Leviathan. **Read Psalm 74:13-14.**
 - a. Have you allowed God to meet you in the "unknown?"
 - b. What does that look like? How can we do that? (Prayer?)
5. God dwells in the areas we fear the most. When life is uncertain, God is not. **Read Isaiah 40:28-31.**
 - a. According to Isaiah, where does our strength come from?
 - b. What role has hope played in your life?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)

6. **Read Mark 4:35-41.** In light of what we know about the Jewish view of the ocean (that of turmoil, chaos, and the unknown), what significance does this story have? Do you find yourself in an "unknown" and stormy area of life? What might this mean for the storms that you find yourself in?
7. *End by praying for one another.*