

Small Group Questions

7/5.15

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. What's the worst storm you've been in? Tornado? Hurricane? Earthquake? or _____?
What happened?

RECAP:

We all face storms. It's not *if* or *when* storms will come, but how will we respond to them when they *do* come? On Sunday, Brett shared a message, "Are We There Yet?" He used two different storm stories from the book of Mark to encourage us that Jesus is with us in the midst of our storm. We can embrace the storm and stay the course, knowing Jesus will show up at exactly the right moment, saying "It is I. Be not afraid." And it won't be a minute too early, and it won't be a moment too late.

2. Have you ever been through a difficult time that you would call a storm? What was it like?
Why is "storm" such a good word picture for those events?
3. On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), what is the storm level in your life right now?

DIGGING DEEPER:

verses: Mark 4:25-41; Mark 6:45-56

3. In both passages, Jesus told the disciples to get in the boat, knowing they would be heading into a storm. Why would Jesus allow the very storms we go through?

In Mark 4, Jesus spoke to the storm and it was completely calmed. In Mark 6, Jesus climbed into the boat with the disciples and the storm stopped.

4. How do you feel about Jesus knowing that "even the wind and the waves obey him?"
Explain.

TAKING IT HOME:

verse: read Hebrews 6:19-20

5. Hebrews 6 tells us, "We have this hope as an anchor... (NIV)" Which of the following 6 "anchors" is most encouraging to you and gives you the most hope today in the midst of life's storms? **1)** God is in control **2)** God has a plan **3)** God is with you **4)** God is bigger than your storm **5)** God will get you where you need to be **6)** There is life after the storm.
6. Has God ever used a storm you've made it through to encourage someone else facing a similar circumstance? What happened?

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm

If you don't have anything going on Wednesday nights or you don't already have another Wednesday night class you already attend, join us in the main auditorium for our series on Revelation.