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MAIN SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

WARM UP

- Tell your "storm" story. Tell the group about your worst experience with an actual storm. What was the situation? How did it make you feel to be in the storm?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – Storms are unpredictable!

Verses: Mark 4:37

- The storms of life seem to come from out of nowhere. They show up unexpectedly. Often, we can feel as if it is our own bad luck. But, Pastor Kevin said, "Sometimes it is good to be reminded that you are not being targeted, that you are not alone. The situation you find yourself in, there are others in the same boat." What do you think about this? In what way does it help or give you comfort knowing that you have not been targeted? That others are going through a difficult time?

- At the end of the sermon, Pastor Kevin invited people who are going through a tough storm to come forward for prayer. As you experienced or watched this moment, what thoughts did you have about what was taking place in the room?
- Tell your story. Tell of a time in your life when you went through a difficult trial or storm with the added benefit of having others stand with you in prayer.

Thought # 2 – Storms illicit a response from us!

Verses: Mark 4:38

- Compare and contrast the attitudes and feelings of the disciples and Jesus. What do you think informed these attitudes and behaviors?
- When difficult storms come your way? How do you typically respond or behave?
- Tell your story. Tell of someone in your life who was especially strong or steadfast during difficult times. What do you think informed their attitude and behavior?

Thought # 3 – Jesus steps up in the midst of the storm!

Verses: Mark 4:39-40

- We can go through difficult things with Jesus, or without Him. In your opinion, what is the benefit of staying close to Christ during difficult times? How have you experienced this in your own life?
- Pastor Kevin said, "The storms in our life remind us that we aren't really driving. We are always in the passenger seat. We need to quit pretending that we are in the driver's seat and trust by faith that Jesus can steer the ship." What would that look like in your life? What would it mean for you to understand that you are not in control and comply with Jesus?

Challenge: Group Prayer

- Ask if there are any in your group who are going through a storm. Ask if your group can pray for them now. Make a plan to offer support and follow-up.

