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## Life in Crisis: Reject Fear

Scott Merriner, March 22, 2020

*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

**Read: Mark 4:35-41**

1. The Sea of Galilee is 680 feet below sea level and is surrounded by hills. Winds blowing across the land intensify close to the sea, often causing violent and unexpected storms. The disciples were seasoned fishermen who had spent their lives fishing on this huge lake. Describe *this* storm (v37).
2. What does the dialogue in this passage tell us about what the disciples were thinking? What Jesus was thinking?

### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

*Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.*

3. The disciples lived with Jesus, but they underestimated Him. They did not see that His power applied to their very own circumstances.
  - Given the current situation our world faces, where is it easy to underestimate Jesus? Where are you feeling afraid and what are you most concerned about?
  - What part of God’s character could be applied to this fear or concern?
4. Think about the storms that you have faced in your life. Which one would you feel comfortable sharing with your group? Tell that story, including your experience of Jesus.
5. Who are you most concerned for right now? After each person shares, pray as a group.

### Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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### We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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