

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“The Main Character” – Pastor Chad Gilligan

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1) Have you ever been caught in a physical storm before? What happened?

Read Matthew 8:23-24 – “Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.”

2) Why do you think we miss the main point of some of these biblical accounts?

3) What storms have you gone through that shaped you as a person?

Read Psalms 77:7-9 - “Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? 8 Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? 9 Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”

4) How do you navigate seasons where God is seemingly silent?

5) In your experience, what was a healthy response or an unhealthy response to a storm?

Read Matthew 8:25-26 – “The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.”

6) What can keep fear and selfishness from taking over in your life during a storm?

Read Matthew 8:26-27 – “He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. 27 The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

7) Jesus is greater than all our fears. How do you remind yourself that Jesus is greater than what you may face?

Prayer: Take time to pray for the storms you may be facing.

