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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

Icebreaker: Have you ever been in a natural disaster? What happened?

Have everyone spend time reading **Mark 4:35-41** quietly to themselves. After a few minutes, either have one person read the passage for the group or have each person take turns reading a portion until the entire passage has been read.

Sermon Observation Questions

- 1. Was there anything from this past week's sermon that stood out to you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that confused you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that invoked an emotion? If so, what was it?
- 2. Observations about this passage: Who was the audience or the characters? What does this passage tell us about sinful man? What do we learn about God or Jesus from reading this passage, and how does that impact the way we love people and love God?
- 3. What questions arise from reading this passage? Is there anything from this passage that sticks out to you personally? If so, what?

Life Application Questions

- 1. How did the disciples' fear during the storm differ from their fear afterward? What as Jesus teaching them at that moment? In what storms in your life has Jesus taught you faithfulness towards Him?
- 2. How do you react to Jesus when he seems to be asleep in times when you want him to be vibrantly awake in your life? What can we do to help remind ourselves in those testing times of God's faithfulness so that we can deepen our trust in Him?
- 3. How would you disciple someone who is going through a storm in which they believe Jesus has not shown himself faithful, and they are questioning their own faith?
- **4. Next Steps**: We know the disciplines such as reading God's word, praying, staying in Christian community, and serving Christ all help us to grow in our faithfulness to God. Which area do you desire to pursue at a deeper level in order to strengthen your faithfulness in Christ?