

## Community Group Discussion Guide

### Step 01: Recap what our current series is all about.

**Note:** Remind the group what series we're currently on (since not everyone will have been at church recently) and read through the series description provided below to refresh everyone on what it's all about.

**Series Title:** Christmas at Parkside

**Description:** When the angel announced to the Shepherd's that the Savior had been born in Bethlehem they were not just making an announcement. There were offering an invitation to experience Jesus. That invitation still stands for the followers of Jesus. In this series, we will explore different seasons of our lives and be invited to behold Jesus in the midst of them.

### Step 02: Recap of this week's message.

**Note:** Read through the message outline with everyone briefly. You can stop and make comments as you see fit or read straight through it. Make sure you take time to read through the main text.

**Message Title:** It's All Spiritual

**Main Text:** Luke 2:8-20

**Supporting Texts:** Mark 4:35-41

**Message Outline:**

Point 1: The Storm is Spiritual

- In Jewish thought, the sea represented the forces of chaos and evil that were in opposition to God. So the storm wasn't just a physical problem in their minds, but a spiritual one as well. Our storms in life have a spiritual aspect as well.

Point 2: Our Response Should Be Spiritual

- Jesus still does miracles. He may not end our storm with a three word prayer, but we can experience His peace none-the-less.

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### Step 03: Lead group discussion.

**Note:** Do your best to keep the discussion going. Make sure you have read through the questions beforehand and are primed with thoughts of your own. Make everyone get specific with *how* they will apply this message in their own lives and in community—*no vague ideas allowed!*

#### **Specific to this week's message:**

1. What is the significance of there being “no more sea” in Rev. 21:1?
2. What are some practical things we can do to experience more stillness and peace in our walk with Jesus?

#### **General questions:**

3. How did this message encourage you? How did it convict you?
4. What is your plan for applying this message to your personal/daily life?
5. What might it look like for us to live this out in community?
6. Was there anything about this message that stood out to you?