

: week 4: jesus the storm-tamer - 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!"



: personal study sheet

DIRECTIONS: Use the questions below to spend time in Scripture, dig deeper into the weekly sermon message, and to worship and pray. Each day, begin with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you learn and apply what you read. Then, read **Mark 4:35-41** and answer the day's questions.

 DAY 1: FOCUS ON PEOPLE AND THEIR NATURAL 	L, WORLDLY TENDENCIES
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How do people in your life react when they are met with life's storms? How do you react when you are met with life's storms? Do you struggle with trusting God during those times?
Look up Scripture that talks about fear and how God handles fear. Discuss together (Suggestions: Deuteronomy 31:6, Psalm 56:3-4, John 14:27) Have verses ever provided you comfort during storms in your life?

◆ DAY 2: FOCUS GOD, JESUS, HIS PLAN AND EXAMPLE

Pastor Dave saw 3 questions that helped frame the story from this Sunday's message in Mark 4: **Don't you care? Why are you so afraid? Who is this?**

•	Don't you care? Reread Mark 4:38 . When the disciples ask Jesus this question while he is sleeping during the storm, what assumption are they making of him? Can you relate to feeling this way about Jesus during a storm in your life?
•	Why are you so afraid? Reread Mark 4:40. What are some promises that God has made about fear and anxiety? Is it ever hard for you to remember those promises? How can anxiety or fear be a faith issue?



	Who is this? Reread Mark 4:41. What was the disciple's reaction when Jesus calmed the storm? Did how they react surprise you? Do you have a holy fear, a reverence, an awe of God? Is this attribute of God easy or hard for you to understand?
♦ D _i	AY 3: APPLICATION Did this week's message, Bible passage, and devotions encourage you to make a significant change in your life or in how you think about God or yourself?
	• What storm are you going through in your life now? Or what storm is someone close to you going through? How is God working through you and these situations?

◆ DAY 4: WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Use the words of **Psalm 89** in a time of worship and to pray.