



JUNE 25/26, 2022

SCRIPTURE: MARK 4: 35-41

OPTIONAL STUDY DURING BREAKS

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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!"

As a group, think through each truth and answer:

Pastor Josiah spoke on how the disciples took off in the boat in obedience, following Jesus. The disciples were probably thinking, "We're with Jesus, everything will be great!"

But wait! We were reminded, **storms are promised.**

John 16:33 says, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Pastor Josiah noted when reading this verse, we move right into the hope and the overcoming part of the verse. We want a testimony that is finished, not the one that is still being written; the only thought is sometimes, I'm following Jesus so my path should be smooth and calm the whole way!

- Share a testimony of a storm which you endured even though you were following Jesus.

Storms are promised but so is His presence.

- Describe that moment in a past storm when you felt so alone but then realized GOD was right there the whole time.

Jesus is waiting to interrupt our storm.

- If you're in a storm right now, how can your group members pray for you?
- If you're in a storm, how can you allow Jesus to interrupt your storm?