

March 22, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“Into the Storm” – Mark 4:35-41

1. What is a "domesticated" or "safe" view of Jesus that you grew up with, or that you often find yourself defaulting to today?
2. Read Mark 4:35-41. Jesus was asleep in the stern during a life-threatening squall, prompting the disciples to wake Him. Why is it often more terrifying to realize that God is absolutely sovereign over our storms than it is to believe He is just a helpful passenger in our boat?
3. The veteran fishermen panicked and audaciously accused Jesus of neglect: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" When an unexpected storm hits your life, what does your panic usually look like? Do you tend to lean toward the "Elder Brother" approach (frantically trying to fix it or hyper-repenting to regain control) or the "Younger Brother" approach (giving up, numbing out, or getting angry at God)?
4. We discussed that our fleshly reactions in the storm are ultimately driven by our root idols of control and comfort. In what specific ways does our desire for a "manageable God" blind us to the awe of who Jesus actually is?
5. When Jesus calmed the sea, He commanded it to "be muzzled" (pephimoso)—the exact same word He used to cast out demons, revealing Himself as the Divine Warrior who battles chaos. How does knowing Jesus has the power to muzzle the darkest, most chaotic forces in the world change the way you pray in a crisis?

6. This passage was connected to the "True and Greater Jonah" and Ephesians 2. We often treat Jesus like a "stranger" who disrupts our comfortable lives, but the Gospel reveals that we were actually the true strangers who were brought near. How does knowing He absorbed the wrath you deserved soften your heart when you face earthly trials?

7. How might Mark 4:35-41 change how we approach God in worship? Consider Exodus 14:30-31, and the pagan sailors in Jonah 1:16 who give worship not to Jonah, but to the Lord. Does experiencing salvation at the Lord's hand reframe our view of who He is? Has God redeemed you out of your own personal storms in a way that when you remember what He did it brings you to awe?

8. What is one specific storm or uncertainty in your life right now where you need to stop asking Jesus to be your "storm controller" and start trusting Him as your untamed, sovereign Lord?