

Have you recently felt distressed/out of control?

What storms are you going through right now?

Where do you need to experience the “storm-calming” power of Jesus in your life?

How can you trust God in the upcoming week when things seem out of control or hopeless?

Prayer

Pray for our government / health and community leaders.

For those who are struggling with COVID-19.

How can you pray for those in your group who need Jesus to calm a storm in their lives?



The Words Messiah Works and in Mark Ways of Jesus

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 2: “Storms are Real” (Mark 4: 35-41)

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Series Overview:

Jesus is introduced by Mark as the Messiah foretold of old but with striking contrast to the cultural assumption. He does not come with exterior power and might, but rather as a humble servant. But the reader must not mistake humility and service with lack of power and authority. For that is the great irony that Mark pronounces. The King of the universe holding ALL power and authority comes to reign through His teaching, His serving and His suffering. Mark brings us to his conclusion succinctly through the often used word “immediately”. He rushes us to the end for which Jesus came - to suffer and die upon a cross. In fact his model of suffering is the realm to which his followers are called. In a world of suffering and hardship we also look forward with hope to receiving glory alongside Christ. What was achieved in those fateful days of His death and resurrection has made an eternal, spiritual and physical difference.

Week 2: "Storms are Real"

We are all facing some storms right now. We're in the midst of a world-wide pandemic that doesn't seem to be going away any time soon. In addition to that, some of us may be facing some personal storms. A financial storm. A physical storm. A relational storm. Jesus is the power to calm the storms.

Read Mark 4: 35-41

How did the disciples react to the storm?

How did Jesus react to the disciples?

What did the disciples learn about Jesus from this event?

Today's sermon defines four things about Jesus as the storm calming Messiah:

1. Jesus is real.
2. Jesus is incomprehensible.
3. Jesus is uncontrollable.
4. Jesus is sacrificial.

In what areas of your life are you tempted to respond with fear rather than faith?

Where do you need to experience the calming presence of Jesus?