



Mark: A Journey with Jesus || The Kindness of God in the Midst of a Storm

Mark 4:35-41

The purpose of Mark is to help us understand who Jesus is. We have read some of His parables, how He has performed miracles and touched many lives.

- *What is something you have come to discover about the person of Jesus in this series?*

As a group, read together Mark 4:35-41. Take time to read out of a few different translations, some examples being the NIV, ESV, or even the Message paraphrase.

- *How could it be significant that Jesus feels led to “leave the crowd” and rest?*
- *What do you imagine the tone of the question in verse 38 to be?*

The storm was violent, and represented something that to the disciples that they had no control over. **Their question, “Do you care that we are perishing?” is one that shows a sense of abandonment.**

- *What is your common reaction to storms that feel out of your control?*
- *Is God the kind of God that allows us to experience things out of our control? Take time to explain your answer to this question.*

Faith is defined, as saying yes to God; Fear is defined as saying no to God and comes from wanting to try and control things in your life.

- *When has there been a time in your life that you allowed fear to keep you from saying yes to God?*
- *Why do we find it so difficult to have faith when we are facing storms in our life?*

God doesn't promise us a life without pain and suffering. In fact, He guarantees us that we will experience some in this lifetime.

- *How does suffering and storms make us useful in Gods kingdom?*
- *In what current and personal storms do you need to be saying yes to God?*
- *How does the fact that Jesus calms the storm in the text, bring you comfort in your own storm?*

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