

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THY KINGDOM COME

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discover Jesus' reaction to life's apparent worries. Discuss what anxiety you carry in your own life. Determine the steps you will do as a spiritual community and individually to live a life of fearless faith.

ICE BREAKER



Share a time when you were free from all worry. What was happening that helped you feel at ease and calm?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Mark 4:35-41 ESV

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (ESV)

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Jesus reigns over creation.

Key Question: How does Jesus respond to our anxiety-ridden circumstances?

1. He remains calm and at peace. (vv. 35-38a)
2. He speaks with authority. (vv. 38b-39)
3. He challenges us to live in fearless faith. (vv. 40-41)



DISCUSSION



- Have someone in your group read the passage again, but this time, place yourself in the story. What stands out to you? What would you have seen, felt, experienced if you were in the boat with Christ? Share your observations.
- Look at the context of Mark 3:20-4:34. After seeing what Jesus went through on that day, how does it encourage you to see his calm demeanor during the storm?
- Discuss your tendencies when you enter life's storms. Is it easy for you to embrace hope? Or does anxiety take over? How does Jesus' example and presence emotionally, psychologically, and practically help us navigate the uncertainties of life?
- Jesus has clear authority over all creation. **Read Psalm 107:23-30.** What similarities do you see between Psalm 107 and Mark 4? Describe a time in your life when God brought you through a figurative storm you didn't think you could endure.
- What would it look like to walk through the next trial with a sense of calm and peace? What authoritative words of Christ could speak into your situation?

LIFE APPLICATION



Reflect on how much time you spend overwhelmed by the *maybes* and the *what-ifs* of the future. Brainstorm how your relationships, conversations, prayers, and decisions would look different by having a fearless faith in Jesus.

Remind one another of the promises of God's Word. Journey alongside people this week, not rushing in with judgment and instructions, but meeting them in their place of need. Empathize and encourage them to live in fearless faith this week.

Write the names of those you will support this week below.

PRAYER REQUESTS


