



## Week Four | Boating | 07.16-17.2022

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Series Recap:** Everyone has different experiences with road trips. Many of these memories aren't even about the original plan but what happened when plans changed. Jesus was amazing at living in the moment with the people God brought in His path. Let's explore the lessons of how we can be present together this summer and the stories we'll tell because of it.

### » Opening (3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

### » Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Do you enjoy boating? If you're on a boat do you want to stay dry or are you ready to tube, ski, surf and have all the fun in the water?
- Digging Deeper: Have you ever been in a really bad storm? Either a literal storm or a crisis in your life? How did it make you feel?

### » Observation | Read Mark 4:35-41 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | **If He can calm the wind and waves, He can certainly calm your storms** (12 minutes)

- What challenges in your life seem outside the scope of Jesus' help? Why?
- Are there barriers to seeking God first in your troubles? What are they?

### » A Storm | Reread Mark 4:35-38; Psalm 88:3-7 (12 minutes)

- How does Jesus' reaction to the storm compare to the disciple's reactions? How do their perspectives differ?
- It is difficult to imagine that God is not surprised by our worldly troubles? How should that frame our responses?

### » A Solution | Reread Mark 4:39,40; John 16:33; Philippians 4:6-9 (12 minutes)

- What do Jesus' words tell us about the power of peace in our struggles? What is the value of faith?
- How does the practice of focusing our thoughts provide peace? How can we practice that?

### » A Savior | Reread Mark 4:41; Acts 2:21; Psalm 3:4-8 (12 minutes)

- Is it comforting that the laws of creation are still obeying the voice of the Creator? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to take refuge in our salvation? Is that salvation in our present, our future, or both?

### » Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What is something that you can do this week, that will make you look to Jesus before trying to find your own solution to a storm in your life?
- Close by praying for one another specifically if anyone has a storm in their life right now, and if not that God would help all of you to trust him with everything in your life.