

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 24, 2015

Passage: Mark 4:35-41

Memory Passage: Mark 4:26-29

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 4:35-41.** Let us first answer questions about the setting of this event: “On that day” refers to what day?

(b) Why might Jesus want to “go across to the other side” of the lake, and where might this location be?

(c) What is Mark telling us by his use of the phrase, “just as he was?”

(d) What is important about the fact that they were, “leaving the crowd,” and who are in the “other boats?”

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 4:35-41.** How great was the danger to the disciples when the storm hit?

(b) Why do you think Jesus was able to sleep during such a violent and dangerous storm?

(c) The grammar of the disciples’ question (v. 38) expects an affirmative answer, so we might translate it: “Teacher, you *do* care that we are perishing, right?” Was this the correct way for the disciples to respond? Why or why not?

(d) Think of a time that you responded to a situation with words that you regret, words spoken without your wisdom filter engaged. What process might you have enacted in order to avoid such outbursts? What truths might you have recalled before you spoke?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 4:35-41 & Jonah 1:1-16.** What similarities do you see between these two passages?

(b) What differences do you see between these two passages?

(c) Did Jonah and Jesus sleep for the same reasons? Explain.

(d) Explain the differences between the reasons that motivated the sailors to wake Jonah and the disciples to wake Jesus.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 4:35-41, Ps. 65:5-8, 89:8-9, 93:1-5, 104:5-9, & 106:6-12.** Write down all the truths that these OT passages teach you about the one who controls the sea? What does Jesus prove by His command over the sea?

(b) Were the disciples wrong when they feared the storm? Why or why not?

(c) How would more “faith” have caused the disciple not to be “afraid” (v. 39)?

(d) How does faith help you to be less afraid during whatever storms you endure?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 4:35-41.** What about Jesus' actions and words caused the disciples more fear than they experienced during the storm ("great fear" in v. 41)?

(b) What does the disciples' question reveal about their awareness of Jesus' identity?

(c) **Read Ps. 3:1-8, 4:6-8, 121:1-8, & Prov. 3:21-27.** As you read and meditate on these passages, write down at least 5 practical truths you learn about God and His ways that will sustain you and keep you from fear through life's storms and struggles.

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Faith Overcomes Fear