

Life Group Leader Handout
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With Jesus In The Boat
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Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

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?"

Main Idea - As the storms of life often rage around us, don't lose sight & forget WHO is in the boat with us. No matter how bad the storm we can always trust our faithful God!

- The disciples, overwhelmed by the storm, forgot that Jesus was in the boat with them. They let their circumstances cloud their vision. "*Teacher, don't you care that we are going to drown?*" Fear handcuffs faith!
- Based on **Ephesians 6** & **1 Peter 5:8**, the spiritual battle we are in often manifests itself in HOW we interpret the events happening to us. Satan wants to control the narrative (**Genesis 3** - With Eve).
- The disciples' failure in this passage (and often ours), is they failed to trust God's word. What was Jesus' plan? "*Let us go across to the other side.*" The son of God wasn't going to perish at sea. He had work to do on the other side of the lake. That was the plan.
- To be a Christian is to be a warrior. **Our main offensive weapon is the Bible! We need to CHOOSE to believe the truth, God's truth over the lies.** This means that we must be **IN** the Word, we must **KNOW** the Word and we must be prepared to **FIGHT** with the Word of God.

Application Question - What has God said, through His infallible Word, that you need to trust and cling to? What truths from Scripture do you need to call to mind this morning?

"The biggest problem in the church today is that we don't know who God is!"

R.C. Sproul

