



Storm Warning: Week 2 — “Storm Shelter”

CONNECT: If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing for the rest of your life, what would you choose? (It has to be a physical thing, not money.)

GROW:

1. **Read Mark 4:35-41.** What details in the story indicate that this was a serious storm? Why would these experienced fishermen fear for their lives?
2. Jesus brought a pillow on board while the disciples brought life jackets. Based on Jesus' words in verse 40, how should the disciples have responded in the storm?
3. What did the disciples ask in verse 38 and verse 41? They go from being afraid of the storm to being afraid of Jesus. As a group, discuss this statement: *Who we fear will determine what we fear and, more importantly, what we don't fear.*
4. When storms hit in life, we seek shelter in a lot of things. Some are destructive; others are distracting or numbing. What shelters do you run to?
 - What keeps you up at night? What causes your heart to race? What are you concerned or worried about? (*Leaders, help the group honestly reflect and share.*)
5. Jon gave this definition: *“Obedience = I trust God to decide for me.”* When we obey God, what are we saying to the watching world? In what areas is it hardest for you to trust that God knows what is best (friendships, dating/marriage, finances, career, etc.)?
 - How does our view of God affect our trust in Him?
6. Jesus can calm the storm in us and around us. He is *the only one* who is able to save us AND is also *with us* in the middle of the storm. Why is that truth so comforting?
 - Is it comforting to know that Jesus, in His sovereignty, led the disciples into a fierce storm (verse 35)? If Jesus has the power to calm the storm with a word, does it seem reasonable that He's also wise enough to have good reasons, beyond your comprehension, for allowing storms in your life?

PRAY: *Jesus, the wind and the waves obey You, but at times, I struggle to. Help me this week to trust You to decide for me. Help me rest in your willing and capable arms.*

NEXT: Identify one past pain, one current concern, or one future frustration that you are going to address and turn over to Jesus. The challenge is to turn to Jesus before we turn to anyone or anything else for help.