

## Jesus is Bigger than the Storm

### Mark 4:35-41

**Ice Breaker:** Describe the worst storm you've ever experienced. What were some of the emotions that you felt during the storm?

**Big Idea:** Jesus' Kingdom rule extends everywhere – even to those parts of the world where it was believed that God's rule was no longer in effect. Jesus wants His children to live in the reality that when we face storms in life, we don't have to be afraid – because He is bigger than every storm, and He will be with us in the boat!

#### **Digging Deeper:**

- 1) Read Mark 4:35-41. How do the disciples respond to the storm? How would you have responded if you were in their shoes – and Jesus was sleeping in the boat at the time?
- 2) Read Mark 4:38. Pastor Joshua commented that the disciples' problem was not that they woke Jesus up. Their problem was the *accusation* they made after they woke him up: that Jesus didn't care. Why do you think the disciples made this accusation against Jesus? Have you ever made a similar accusation against God – for “not caring?” For what?
- 3) Read Mark 4:39-41. How does the disciples' fear shift after Jesus calms the storm? Do you think it's appropriate that the disciples are afraid of who is with them in the boat? What would have been your response if you had just witnessed Jesus calm this storm?
- 4) What did Jesus calming this storm mean – in a day when it was believed that the sea was the realm where evil and chaos ruled? What does this tell us about the scope of Jesus' authority? What does this mean for the way we trust Jesus in the storms of our lives?
- 5) What's one storm that you're facing in life – that's causing you fear or worry? Confess it. Then pray for each other that the eyes of your hearts would be opened to the reality that Jesus is bigger than that storm – and that He is with you in the boat. Pray that you would have a holy, reverent fear of Jesus – one that squeezes to the margins every lesser fear.