

Safe in the Storm

- Getting in the boat with Jesus doesn't guarantee a _____ journey.
- The storms that terrify us _____
 - His sleep shows us that He is _____
 - His sleep shows us that He is _____
 - His commands show us that He is _____
 - His commands show us that He is _____
- _____
 - Trusting Jesus gives us _____ in the midst of storms.
- _____
 - Knowing Jesus gives us _____ to trust Him in the midst of storms.

Make It Real

Because of what Jesus has done for me and what I have heard today . . .

1. I will turn from my sin and trust Jesus to forgive me, make me acceptable to the Father, and give me new life now and forever.
2. I will examine my response to the storms I face to see what it reveals about my trust in Jesus.
3. I will work to know Jesus better so that I trust Him more.

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
4. What is a question you have?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. Our passage speaks of the disciples going through a literal storm. What kinds of "storms" have you faced? What kinds of storms are you facing? What makes them (made them) particularly difficult?
2. Read Mark 4:35-37. The first point from Sunday's sermon was, "Getting in the boat with Jesus doesn't guarantee a storm free journey." (1) Why do we need to be reminded of this? (2) What happens when we forget this? (3) Why doesn't Jesus make our lives easier (storm free)? (4) How has God used storms in your life?
3. Read Mark 4:38. (1) What is the contrast between what Jesus is doing and what the disciples think is going to happen? (2) What do their different responses reveal? (3) What do our different responses to trouble reveal about us?
4. Read Mark 4:39. (1) What do the commands of Jesus, "Peace. Be Still." and the response of the wind teach us about Jesus? (2) What is the significance of this – to the disciples in the boat and to us today? (3) The storm obeyed Jesus' commands. Why is it so hard for us to obey His command, "Peace. Be still." when we are in a storm?
5. Read verse 40. (1) From what Jesus says, what should have been the disciples' response to the storm? Why? (2) What does this teach us about the connection between fear and faith?
6. Read verse 41. (1) How did the calming of the storm impact the disciples? (2) How should an experience like this shape the way we respond in the next storm? (3) Why?