

Small Group Questions | Bigger Than the Storm | Mark 4:35-41

Today in our sermon series, *Real Talk*, Mike Lovato is looking at a familiar passage from the gospel of Mark. A storm suddenly came upon the disciples' boat and they found themselves very quickly afraid and alone. They reacted a lot like many of us do when the storms of life hit. We turn to fear. We doubt that God truly loves us. But Jesus, as He so often does, showed the disciples (and us) who is really in control when fear hits. Read the questions below and discuss them with your group.

1. This week's passage started at the end of a very busy, tiring day for Jesus and His disciples. When was the last time you had a day that felt like that? How would you describe your typical emotions at the end of a day like that?
2. **Read Mark 4:35-37.** The storm that faced the disciples came upon them quickly and was described as "furious" or "great." What are some typical storms that come into the lives of followers of Jesus?
3. **Read Mark 4:38.** The disciples quickly Jesus of not caring for them at all. Have you ever felt as if God no longer cared about you? If so, why?
4. The disciples responded with fear instead of faith. Do you typically respond to life's storms in fear or in faith?
5. **Read Mark 4:39.** It only took three small words for Jesus to calm the storm. What are some reasons you think it might have taken such a quick, short sentence to calm the storm?
6. **Read Mark 4:40-41.** The disciples saw how great Jesus' authority was. We ought to look to the One who has authority over every storm. What is one practical step you can take to trust Jesus' power and authority more?
7. **Read Psalm 20:7.** What are some "chariots and horses" people trust in today instead of the name of the Lord? How can you continually grow your trust in God instead of other things?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for each other to allow fear to build up your faith instead of fear getting in the way of your faith.