

Sermon Discussion Questions

ROCK THE BOAT

Mark 4:35-41 | Pastor Steven Nichols

- I. The Calm before the storm
 - a. What had Jesus experienced earlier in the day?
 - i. Tension, conflict, accusations
 - b. Whose idea was it to go across the lake?
 - c. What are 2 causes of storms in life?
 - i. Disobedience
 - ii. Obedience
 - d. Why did Jesus lead them into a storm?
- II. The Fear in the storm
 - a. What did the word for wind, mean?
 - i. Hurricane, whirlwind, seismic mega proportions
 - ii. What was Jesus' mindset?
 1. Calm, asleep, not worried
 - iii. What did the disciples accuse Jesus of?
 1. Not caring if they died/drowned/perished
 - iv. What did this reveal about the disciples ?
 - b. Psalm 10:1 What does the author ask God?
 - c. Psalm 44:23 How does the author view God's actions?
 - d. Psalm 44:26 What does the author ask of God?



- e. What is God's answer to "where are you in this storm"?
 - i. I'm right here
 - ii. I have a valuable life lesson for you
 - iii. Why are you afraid?
 - iv. Why don't you trust me?

III. The Lesson after the storm

- a. What is the major question from this passage, from Christ to us?
 - i. Where does your faith lie, in the storm or in the Savior
- b. Why is faith incompatible with worldly fear?
 - 1. Fear is a sign that faith is not working in our hearts
 - 2. Why is "do not fear" repeated over and over in scripture?
- c. Why were the disciples more afraid after the storm, than during the storm?
 - i. What did they see, with Jesus calming the storm?
- d. Psalm 89:8,9 What do these passages teach us about God?

IV. Application questions

- a. Where in your life, do you wish Jesus would wake up and tell things to be still?
- b. Even if the storm never stops, how will you ride it out?
- c. How does this story strengthen your heart?