

Sermon Discussion Guide

Stormy Faith
Mark 4:35-41

1. The storm

- What parts of the story do you find most significant?
- What types of storms do we face today?

2. Jesus' power over the storm

Ps 89:8-9; Ps 107

- Why was the storm especially terrifying for the disciples?
- What does Jesus ability to still the storm say about who he is?
- How would trusting in Jesus' power to still the storms change our response to difficult situations?

3. Jesus' care in the storm

Rev 21:1; Ps 4:8; 107:43; 127:2; 1 Pet 5:7

- How can knowing Jesus' power make us question his care?
- Why would Sinclair Ferguson say that this question of Jesus' care was probably the most hurtful question in Jesus' ministry?
- What are ways that you are tempted to doubt Jesus' care?
- How can this passage change our response in the midst of life's storms?

Extra

- Interact with this quote from Tim Keller:

If you have a God great enough and powerful enough to be mad at because he doesn't stop your suffering, you also have a God who's great enough and powerful enough to have reasons that you can't understand. My teacher Elisabeth Elliott put it beautifully in two brief sentences: "God is God, and since he is God, he is worthy of my worship and my service. I will find rest nowhere else but in his will, and that will is necessarily infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to."¹

¹ Timothy Keller, *The King's Cross*, 54.