JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Mark 4:35-41 Lesson 7

Key Verse: 4:40

1. Review how busy Jesus and his disciples had been (3:20; 4:1). What did he want to do? (34-36a) Why had he been in that boat all day? (4:1,36b) Imagine how his disciples must have felt as they finally left the crowd behind that evening.

2. What happened? (37) How is the storm described? Considering that many of the disciples were experienced fishermen, how were they helpless to the power of the storm? (37b) What sudden storms are in our lives, and how can we feel helpless against them?

3. What was Jesus doing during the storm? (38a) What does this show about him? How did the disciples react to Jesus’ sleeping, and what does their question show about them? (38b)

4. What did Jesus do, and what does this reveal about him? (39,41) Note how we’ve learned about the power of Jesus’ words (1:25,41; 2:11; 3:5). How can Jesus’ words have power to calm the storms of life, and what does this mean to you?

5. Read verse 40. What did Jesus say to his disciples? Why does fear reveal a lack of faith? Why should the disciples have had this kind of faith by now? In light of this event, what does it really mean to have faith in Jesus? How can we?