

Week of May 22 - "With JESUS In The Storm"

Connecting With One Another

- About how many typhoons or tropical storms in a year come to Japan?
- Describe how the weather typically looks like before and after a storm.
- What are some "emoji" that can describe your feelings or emotions before and after being in a life storm?

Lesson Verses - Mark 4:35-5:1 (CSB)

35 On that day, when evening had come, he told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the sea." 36 So they left the crowd and took him along since he was in the boat. And other boats were with him. 37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 He was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. So they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher! Don't you care that we're going to die?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 And they were terrified and asked one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

5.1 They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes.

Discuss & Apply

1. Do you think Jesus knew that there would be a great windstorm arising when he asked his disciples to go to the other side of the sea? If yes, why did he even tell them to go with him considering their lives might be in danger? (Mark 4:35-37, Mark 8:34-38)

2. Why did the disciples wake Jesus since some of them were fishermen by vocation? What might have been in their minds for Jesus to do when they woke him? If you were one of them when the storm had arisen, what might have you done? (Mark 4:38, Mark 1:16-20)

3. What do these Bible verses say about God?
(Genesis 1:1, Nehemiah 9:6, John 1:3, Colossians 1:16)

4. How did God create all things? How did Jesus stop the wind and calm the sea? Please take note of the common phrase in these verses.
(Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, Psalms 33:6, 9, Mark 4:39)

5. Why were the disciples terrified after they had witnessed the wind and the sea obeyed Jesus? Can you think of any situation when you were overwhelmingly fearful because you had experienced the power of God? (Mark 4:41)

6. Please share with your group about a specific life storm that hit you and some of the life lessons that you have learned from being in that storm. How can your experience be used for God's glory to bring help and hope to someone you know?

Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.