

## STORM STOPPER

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- I. The same **storm** reveals different **responses** from people. Job 33:14; Mk 4:23, 25, 33-34
- A. Some show **fear**.
- B. Some portray **peace**. Acts 2:22-23; 17:30-31; I Tim 2:5-6; Heb 2:14, 18; 4:15
- II. **Panic** or **peace**? That choice hinges on \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. **Unbelief** takes us down the **panic** path. Gen 3:1-5; Num 13:31-14:3; Matt 4:1-4; 12:34; II Tim 1:7; Heb 3:12, 19
- B. In the midst of life's storms **faith** produces **peace** and **power**. Ps 56:3; Is 12:2; Matt 6; Acts 12:1-3, 6; 16:22-25; I Cor 10:13; I Pet 2:21-23
- III. When Jesus **answers** His disciples' **prayers** those in "other **boats**" benefit.
- A. Other **people** can be caught in the same **storms** we're facing.
- B. Only His **disciples** of **Jesus** have access to **Him**. Lk 21:18



## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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The following questions are for discussion in your small group. As disciples, our goal is to obey the Word, not just listen to it preached (James 1:22). Therefore, the questions lean towards application of the biblical teaching we get during the sermon. We hope you are able to consider and answer these questions prior to your group meeting time. These questions may also be good for family discussion times.

1.
  - 1 Read Mark 4:35-41. What is the worst personal storm you have faced? How did Jesus calm your storm? How did it benefit others?
  
  2. Name your current fears (worries, concerns, anxieties, etc).  
Do you lack faith that:  
 God is who He says He is  
 God will do what He says He will do  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
  3. What would peace in the midst of the storm look like? In your situation?
  
  4. How do you react to Jesus when He seems to be asleep in your life?
  
  5. Is prayer typically your last resort or your first response? Give an example of when you've done either. If prayer isn't a priority, why not?
  
  6. Read Jude 1:20-21; 1 Pet 5:7; Phil 4:6-7. How can you build up your faith?

## Prayer Challenges

- Set aside time to pray for 15 min each day this week.  
Consider using the ACTS acronym:
  - Adoration – Praise God for Who He is
  - Confession – Confess your sins and your fears
  - Thanksgiving – Thank God for what He has done
  - Supplication – Make requests for yourself and others
- Consider joining the 7 7 7: Urgent Call to Prayer for the first seven days in July. See [annegrahamlotz.com/events/urgent-call-to-prayer/](http://annegrahamlotz.com/events/urgent-call-to-prayer/) for details.