

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS—MARK 4: 35-41

ALL-THE-TIME FAITH

After a long day of ministry, Jesus and His disciples begin crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat, only to be met by a storm of unusual ferocity. The disciples are dismayed and frantically wake Jesus, who is asleep in the stern of the boat. Then Jesus stands up and does the unexpected; He speaks a word and the raging storm immediately ceases. This dramatic display of Jesus' power over the forces of nature led His disciples to trust Him more fully during the difficult moments of life.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 4:35-41.

What attitudes did the disciples demonstrate when they woke Jesus and asked Him for help? _____

How did the disciples' attitudes change after they witnessed Jesus calm the storm? _____

What do we learn about Jesus' identity from this incident? _____

How does this Gospel episode inform our own attitudes toward Jesus? _____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you struggle to have "all the time" faith in Jesus? If so, what are the reasons? Yes No

In which situations do you find it most difficult to fully trust in Jesus? _____

Have you ever accused Jesus of not caring for you? Why? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Knowing that Jesus has all power, such that He can calm a raging storm with a word, how can that knowledge lead you to a greater trust in Him? _____

On a practical level, how can you exercise greater trust in Jesus during the difficult moments of your life? _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Have you identified any practical ways you can exercise greater faith in Jesus this week? If so, which of these will you commit to putting into practice? _____

How can we encourage one another to trust Jesus more fully this week? _____

