

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## THERE WAS JESUS ... IN THE STORM

Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued teaching from classic stories in the New Testament where in the middle of the storms of life, Jesus shows up, or proves he was there all along. Sometimes we end up in storms as a result of our own doing, other times we find ourselves weathering hardships, struggles, or life-altering circumstances that we can't explain or understand. We can let the waves of the storm overtake us, or we can reach for Jesus, look fully into his glorious face, and cling to him until he quiets the storm and delivers us safely through it. In the middle of life's hardships, find Jesus—he's always there. Once through the storm, look for its purpose: building your faith, making you stronger, helping others, etc.

## SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 14:22-33

Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. 23 After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. 25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

"Yes, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Marty taught from this story, and the two that precede it in Matthew; Jesus calms a storm, Jesus feeds approximately 8,000 people with a small lunch. What are a couple of things you took away from Marty's message?
2. Read Matthew 14:22-27, what do you learn the storm, the disciples, and Jesus?
3. Read Matthew 14:28-31, what do you learn from Peter's actions?

4. Read verses 32-33. When did the disciples believe it was Jesus? Are you more like Peter or the other disciples when facing struggles and hardships in your life? How so?
5. Think about storms you are in the middle of now—what are you focusing on? Jesus? The storm?
6. How can we pray for you?

## **PRAYER**

Thank God for the storms he has faithfully seen you through. If you haven't yet acknowledged how the storms were used in your life, ask God to show you—how your faith is bolder, how they have prepared you, how you are able to help others experiencing the same storms. If you are feeling overwhelmed by life's struggles, first look for Jesus—he is there. If you need help finding or recognizing him, ask God to show you that next step—counselling, support, accountability partner, etc.

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