

BRIARCLIFF CHURCH

Small Group Study Guide: Mark

Week of November 11 (Week13)

Mark 4:35-41



Sermon Overview

In Mark 4:35-41, Jesus brings his disciples to a place where faith and fear collide. They have committed to follow him, but they still hold on to their own concepts of how their lives should go and how this world should operate. The disciples in the boat are forced to decide what they believe more: the promises of God or their fears.

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Getting Started

1. Think of a character or situation you were afraid of as a child. What scared you? How did you get past that fear?

Starting with God

2. What does this account tell us about the person of Jesus and about trusting Jesus?

3. Read Jonah 1:4-16. What parallels do you see with Mark 4:35-41? What are the parallels telling you?

Living God's Word

4. Our fear is in direct opposition to following Jesus in a life of faith and freedom. When we give into our fears, we choose to believe our fears more than Jesus. Below are four fundamental things all people fear losing. Which one challenges you the most?
 - (1) **Power:** A longing for influence or recognition
 - (2) **Control:** A longing to have things go according to your plan
 - (3) **Comfort:** A longing for pleasure
 - (4) **Approval:** A longing to be accepted or desired

Prayer

*Father God,
Thank you for the perfection of your plan in all things. Please lift my eyes from the things I fear and lead me to value your power, plan, grace and salvation over the things of this world.
Amen.*