

Small Group Notes.5.11.17

Jesus Calms the storm?

Reading: *Mark 4:35-41*

Welcome: Do you enjoy travelling by sea? Have you ever been in a boat in a storm?

Sermon Outline.

Picture of Sea of Galilee- calm and tranquil picture. Katie told the story of a boat ride on the Sea as a storm started.

The boat started to rock and the crew began to be concerned and exchanged anxious glances as their concern grew about getting people off the boat, especially Katie.

Katie trusted that if Chris and her friend were there to help her get off the boat all would be well in spite of the difficulties.

In the reading, the fishermen, though experienced, were afraid. They were taken by surprise.

Storms come to us all in life and may take us by surprise. Even the most experienced Christian may be afraid but it's ok to be so. The disciples looked to Jesus when the storm came and cried out for help. They turned to Jesus for the answer and we can do the same. We can trust that He has can rescue us.

Maybe we need the storms, they may not be very nice, and we may not like them. The disciples had witnessed Jesus doing things for others but when the storm came they cried out to Him and put their trust in Him and He came to their rescue. It is only through the storms that we can see the power of Jesus and recognise He is our Lord and God.

Questions of Application

1. Have you experienced a situation where Jesus has brought you safely through a difficult time? E.g. difficult times at work, financial troubles, physical danger etc.
2. When you are going through a storm in your life, is your faith shaken?
3. When you are in a frightening situation is Jesus your first port of call or do you first try to find your own solution?
4. How can we encourage others to trust Jesus if we find it difficult to do so ourselves?

Pray for Jesus to guide the church through its Mission Action Planning for the future. Don't forget to complete the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible.