

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Mark 4:35-41

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Mark 4:35-41.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined>. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

35 On that day,
when evening came,
He *said to them,
“Let us go over to the other side.”
36 Leaving the crowd,
they *took Him along with them in the boat,
just as He was;
and other boats were with Him.
37 And there *arose a fierce gale of wind,
and the waves were breaking over the boat
so much that the boat was already filling up.
38 Jesus Himself was in the stern,
asleep on the cushion;
and they *woke Him
and *said to Him,
“Teacher,
do You not care that we are perishing?”
39 And He got up
and rebuked the wind
and said to the sea,
“Hush, be still.”
And the wind died down
and it became perfectly calm.
40 And He said to them,
“Why are you afraid?
Do you still have no faith?”
41 They became very much afraid
and said to one another,
“Who then is this,
that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

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1. What is the context of chapter 4? What is the common theme of all three parables prior to our passage?
2. How do we know that this story is connected to the previous three parables?
3. Who is Jesus with in this story?
4. Is it significant that Jesus is alone with the disciples for this? Why might that be the case based on evidence from chapter 4?
5. Are there other boat scenes in Mark? What do these passages have in common? (See chapters 4:35-41; 6:45-52; 8:14-21)
6. What happens to the sea?
7. What does this mean for the safety of the disciples? How do we know they were in danger?
8. What is the response of the disciples?

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❖ Day 2

Read Mark 4:35-41 again.

9. What is Jesus doing while the storm is raging?
10. What do the disciples ask Jesus when they wake him?
11. Does Jesus care? What evidence do you have for your answer?
12. Does this passage remind you of an Old Testament story? If so, which one?
13. What do these two stories have in common?
14. Why would Mark be drawing our minds to the story of Jonah?
15. What does Jesus first do after the disciples wake him? How does he do it?
16. What does the storm's response to Jesus reveal about Jesus?
17. What does Jesus do after he calms the storm?

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18. How do the disciples respond to Jesus calming the storm?

19. Why are the disciples fearful now?

❖ Day 3

Read Mark 4:35-41 again.

20. Do the disciples understand Jesus' messages about the kingdom? What evidence do you have from chapter 4?

21. How does the disciples' lack of awareness of Jesus' identity contrast with the demon in chapter 5:7?

22. What is the appropriate response to Jesus in light of this passage?

23. What does this passage reveal about God's patience? How should we live our lives in light of God's patience?

24. In what ways have you been failing to surrender to the King who has power over all things?

In preparation for Sunday, pray ...Praising God for his power and majesty as King over everything. Thanking God for his patience when you lack faith and understanding. Confessing ways you have been lacking faith in King Jesus. Submit yourself to King Jesus that you might be apart of his kingdom work. Pray he provides opportunities to invest into the kingdom and that you would have eyes to see and act when they come.