

At The Movies: Week 2

September 8, 2024

Message Summary

This week's message, *When The Storms Come*, explored the different types of storms we face in life—physical, emotional, and spiritual. Drawing from the story of Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4, we examined how these storms can challenge our faith and relationship with God. The message emphasized that while we often focus on the external storm, the real miracle happens when Jesus calms the storm within us. By anchoring ourselves in God's presence, promises, and process, we can find peace even amidst life's fiercest storms.

Icebreaker Ideas

1. **Life in a Snapshot:** Ask everyone to show or describe a photo on their phone that represents something meaningful to them. It could be a recent event, a loved one, or a favorite place. This creates an easy way to share personal stories without too much pressure.
2. **Speed Friending:** Pair up group members for short, timed conversations (2-3 minutes each). Provide fun, light prompts like "What's the best meal you've ever had?" or "If you could instantly learn one new skill, what would it be?" After each round, have them rotate partners, giving everyone a chance to interact with multiple people.

Key Scripture(s)

Mark 4:35-38 : Jesus calms the storm while His disciples, fearing for their lives, question His care for them. This passage illustrates the physical, emotional, and spiritual storms we encounter and reminds us of Jesus' power over them.

Discuss: How do you relate to the disciples' fear during the storm? Have you ever felt like God was "asleep" during a difficult time?

Matthew 8:26-27 : Jesus rebukes the disciples for their lack of faith and calms the storm, leading them to question, “Who is this man?” This passage highlights the disciples’ growing understanding of Jesus' true identity during the storm.

Hebrews 6:19 : "This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls..." This verse emphasizes the importance of anchoring our souls in the hope we have in God.

Discuss: Why do you think the storm revealed more about who Jesus was to the disciples? How has a storm in your life revealed more about who Jesus is to you?

Talk About It

1. Message Reflection:

What stood out to you from this week's message?

How have you experienced physical, emotional, or spiritual storms in your life? What impact did these storms have on your faith?

2. Application:

Cultivating God’s Presence: What practices (e.g., prayer, worship, scripture reading) help you experience God’s presence? How can you incorporate these more consistently into your life?

Remembering God’s Promises: What promises from God’s Word do you hold onto during storms? How can you keep these promises at the forefront of your mind?

Understanding God’s Process: How have you seen God use a storm to build your character or deepen your faith? What might God be teaching you in your current season?

Prayer

TALK IT OVER

Pray for each other's storms, asking God to bring peace and clarity, and to help each person anchor themselves in His presence, promises, and process. Thank God for His faithfulness and for being with us in every storm, calming not only the external challenges but also the internal anxieties. Invite God to deepen your faith through the storms, revealing more of who He is and drawing you closer to Him.