

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 10, 2020



What Kind of Jesus Do You Have In
Your Boat?

Mark 4:35-41

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Get to Know You

What is your favorite memory of your mom or someone who was like a mom in your life?

Study the Book

Read Mark 4:35-41

As we look at Faith IRL, what are some ways that people portray themselves on social media that is different than what is IRL?

How might we portray our faith at church differently than what is happening IRL?

Your ability to face your fears depends on what kind of Jesus you have in your boat. Do you have a Jesus whom you simply respect, or do you have a Jesus whom you revere/ The difference is significant.

Option 1: Respect for Jesus

What had happened earlier in the day that would have made this day exhausting for Jesus?

What two reasons did Pastor Tom give to show why he believes the disciples respected but did not revere Jesus during this storm?

Don't think that they woke him in order that He could calm the storm. That never crossed their mind. They woke him so He could help row the boat or bail water.

Pastor Tom

Option 2: Reverence for Jesus

What woke Jesus up? What significance did Pastor Tom place on this observation?

What is significant about how Jesus calmed the storm?

How did the disciples respond?

Isn't it ironic? The disciples were more afraid in the calm than they were in the storm! Why? It was because they suddenly discovered what kind of Jesus they really had in their boat. Their polite respect suddenly turned to awe-struck reverence.

Group Application Discussion

How do our skills and abilities fit with relying on God during a crisis?

Why did the disciples wake Jesus with a tinge of anger and mistrust? How might we do the same thing when facing a crisis?

Personal Reflection and Application

What do you need to trust God with today? What are you facing in your own power rather than the power of Jesus?