



HILLCREST

LIFE GROUPS

Sermon Discussion Guide

His Lordship Over Hardship

John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 25, 2021

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Get to Know You

What is your favorite part about camping in the woods?
What is the worst part about camping in the woods?

Study the Book

Read John 6:16-21

Explain in your own words what is meant by saying Jesus is the Messiah.

We experience Christ the best *when we experience life the worst.*

How have you experienced the presence, grace, and comfort of Christ while experiencing the worst in life?

Pastor Tom's Insights:

1. Sometimes we face hardship even when we have obeyed.
2. Sometimes we lose sight of Jesus in our hardship.
3. We don't always get help right away.

Which one of these insights from today's Scripture passage makes you feel the most desperate in hardships?

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Pastor Tom's Insights:

1. He sees you.
2. He comes to you.
3. He encourages you.
4. He brings you through.

How is each of these insights revealed in today's Scripture passage as well as the parallel accounts in the other gospels?

What was so amazing about Jesus coming to the disciples in their time of need?

That stormy sea became a pathway on which Jesus's personal care and attention walked right into their lives. When they were experiencing life the worst, they experienced Christ the best. That is what hardship can be for us. Difficulties become opportunities to see Christ work as you have never seen before. Hardship becomes a pathway of which a deeper experience of Christ's love travels into your life.

Pastor Tom

Group Application and Discussion

The disciples did not recognize Jesus miraculously coming to them on the sea. Why is it sometimes difficult to recognize what God is doing in our world?

What troubles are you currently going through in which you need Jesus to see you through? Have someone from your group pray for those troubles today.

Personal Reflection and Application

Ask God to reveal to you how He is working in the midst of your troubles. Look for what He is doing this week.