

## The Storms of Life

- What is something that stood out to you from Last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone answer: Everyone has a crazy storm story! Tell about a time you were caught in a storm. What was the danger? How did you make it through?
  - Is bad weather something that worries you?
  - Why is it that every time bad weather is forecasted everyone runs out for milk and bread?
  - What are other natural phenomena that affect people?
  - Think about some of our history's famous natural disasters... What was some aspects of the chaos that ensued following the disaster?
- Read Mark 4:35-41
  - After witnessing so many miracles, the disciples were still fearing for their lives. Why do you think that is? Did they doubt Jesus? Did they doubt themselves?
  - What do you think it was that drove them to the point where they exclaimed, "Do you even care?" to Jesus?
  - After witnessing several miracles so far, why do you think they were awestruck at Jesus calming the storm?
  - What similarities do storms have with tragedy's and trauma's in our own lives?
- In his teaching, Pastor Nick taught us that there are 3 Effects that Life's Storms have on us. 1. Storms of life can be overwhelming. 2. Storms of life can drive you away from God. 3. God is very clearly revealed in the worst moments of our storms.
  - How have you noticed each of these three points to be true in your life?
  - What Jesus revealed about himself in calming the storms is that he has "Divine Authority". What does the phrase "Divine Authority" mean? It is the power attributed to God to govern, command, and establish laws over creation.
  - What are the benefits of recognizing God's Divine Authority of your life?
- If God can calm the storms of nature He can surely calm the storms in your life. How has this been true for you?