



LIFEWAY LITE

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Ice breakers

What piece of advice would you share with your younger self?

In what ways were you intentionally being a kingdom builder this past week?

Main Idea

When the storms of life hit, we must fight against allowing fear to overtake us. Rather, we must trust and have faith in who God is. Our trust and faith in the Lord is tested in the storm, but it is forged through abiding/spending time with the Lord on a regular basis.

Weekly Challenge

Devote Daily - If you are not prioritizing your relationship with God through the practice of abiding in the Lord, determine what you have allowed to take priority in your life. After figuring that out, repent and prioritize what God has commanded, abide in the Lord, in your life. This is a discipline that may require accountability and guidance from your life group.

Key Verses- Mark 4:35-41

As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Discussion Questions

- 1) Have you had storms in your life? Are you currently going through a storm? What were those storms or what is the storm you're currently going through? How have you responded/How are you responding to storms in your life?
- 2) Read James 1:2-4; 13-15. Based on what you read and what we see in Mark 4:35-41, what are the purposes of storms? How can you be tempted by storms? How do these verses help you benefit from storms rather than submit to temptation in the midst of storms?
- 3) Read John 15:7,9. What does it mean to abide/remain in the Lord? How does abiding in the Lord help you to navigate and grow in the storms and quiet times of life?
- 4) How does trusting the Lord factor into the practice of abiding/remaining in the Lord? What makes it hard for you to trust in the Lord? What helps you to trust in the Lord?
- 5) Dig Deeper: In John 15:4, the call to abide/remain in the Lord is both an invitation and an absolute command made by Jesus to His disciples and everyone who has believed in Jesus as God for their salvation and are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who empowers them to do God's will. Have you made abiding in the Lord a regular practice in your life? Why or Why not?