

Mother's Day

Eileen Hunter Wolf: Living on the Other Side of Your Storm

Pastor's Discussion Notes

Scripture

Primary Verses: Isaiah 9:6-7; Mark 4:35-41

Within your group, take turns reading the verses out loud. Please wait until the reading is completed to offer comments.

Observations

Context: Following a long day of teaching, Jesus and his disciples boarded a boat in order to get away for some rest on the other side. During the trip, a treacherous squall rose up which nearly swamped their boat.

Mark 4:35-41: A storm suddenly arose, and while the disciples panicked, Jesus slept soundly.

- *What did many of the disciples do for a living? What can we assume about the strength of the storm?*
- *Is there evidence that Jesus intentionally brought his disciples into the storm? Hint: read verse 37.*
- *Why were the disciples still fearful after Jesus calmed the storm? How was this fear different than the fear of the storm?*
- *Why was Jesus so hard on the disciples after the storm, rather than comforting?*

Isaiah 9:6-7: An Old Testament prophecy that foretold the coming of the Prince of Peace.

- *What other ways is the coming Messiah described in this passage? What does this bring to your mind?*

Application

Eileen Hunter says we must be intentional when we encounter the unexpected. When stormy situations in life happen, we should follow these steps: "wake up" Jesus, deal with our fear, and receive the peace He will give.

- *What storms have you encountered in your life? How did Jesus get you "to the other side"?*
- *Is there someone you know who is going through a storm? How could you come alongside to help them through?*

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that you are present with us, especially during the storms of life. It is reassuring to know that you have the power to overcome any storm that comes our way and that we don't have to go through it alone. We pray for our friends, family members, work colleagues and others we know who desperately need you to help them get to the other side of their current storm. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Growth Group Flow

Catch Up

How was your week?

Scripture

Read the primary sermon verse(s) out loud

Observations

Make observations about all listed verses

Application

How should these verses change your life?

Prayer

Close the group with this prayer

Key Verse

Mark 4:40

"He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?'"

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Please pray for Red Zone Missionary

Randy and Coleen Martin
Indonesia