

Small Group Questions

August 9, 2020

Series: God's Got This

Message: "When the Storm Rages"

This series will take us through Labor Day in early September. The series will be various texts that focus on God's sovereignty and control over all things. In these unusual and uncertain times, anxiety, doubt, and depression are on the rise in our land. It is easy to focus on all the negative news that seems to come in daily doses. While our world has known pandemics and unrest before, for many it is the first time journeying through a season like this one.

The goal of this series is to help us focus on God, not just what happens every day around us. Jesus never promised us a trouble-free life but He did promise He would be with us through whatever we encountered. The hope is to ensure that we trust God in real ways during this time. It could well be that our trust in Him grows during a difficult season in ways it never does during more normal times.

Thank you once again for your service to God by loving the people in your group! I trust that you are meeting in person or again or will soon do so, perhaps outdoors in these warm days. May God bless you for your service.

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. What is the worst storm you ever went through personally?
2. Are you a "natural worrier" or do you naturally assume everything will work out? Explain.

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Matthew 8:23-27.

3. For each verse in the passage, describe the disciple's emotions.
4. What was Jesus teaching them by sleeping through the storm? By rebuking it?
5. During this year (2020), how much can you identify with the image of Jesus sleeping through the storm?
6. What part of the present year is the hardest for you to handle? Why?
7. Of these three truths, which one do you need to experience/believe the most: Jesus is close, Jesus cares, or Jesus is in control?
8. What is one real life way to make your answer to question 7 a reality this coming week?