

SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **July 13, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The question of faith." Please read the sermon passage (Luke 8:22-25) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Luke 8:22-25)

Sermon Outline:

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST . . .

1. **No matter where he leads (22)**
 - a. Jesus led his disciples into the storm. And he may lead you there, too.
 - b. Jesus does not warn them about trouble to come. But he went with them.
2. **No matter what he permits (23)**
 - a. He allowed more trouble than they thought they could bear--and that trouble produced fear.
 - b. He tried them in their area of strength (fishermen at sea), not in their area of weakness.
3. **No matter how he appears (23-24a)**
 - a. Jesus was asleep and appeared to be disinterested in their problems.
 - b. He waited for them to wake him and cry out to him for help.
4. **No matter when he intervenes (24b)**
 - He may intervene now, or maybe not until heaven, but both are real interventions.

WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

WHO IS THIS JESUS? Stop asking "why," and start asking "who?"

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Which storms has Jesus led you INTO? How did he demonstrate that he was present with you in the midst of that storm?
2. Based on #2, above: Trials often come in our area of strength, so we have to trust Christ (not ourselves!) to act. What are your strengths which have been tested of God?
3. Based on #3, above: When trials have come, have you ever felt like God was "asleep?" Like he was disinterested in your problem? In what way did your trouble cause you to "wake Jesus up" and cry out for help? What was his response?
4. Based on #4, above: Some troubles simply won't be solved until we get to heaven. Which of your troubles have been momentary? Which have been lifetime? Which have been the kind that won't be lifted until heaven?
5. The disciples saw Jesus lift their trouble immediately. Has God ever done that for you? Did it incite an immediate and lasting awe and fear at his power? How is this awe still evident today?