

Series - On Your Mark!

Date/s - 22 Apr 2018

Topic - Lessons from the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)

Speaker/s - Senior Pastor Lionel Goh

Welcome [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

www.thesource4ym.com/games/

www.christianitytoday.com/smallgroups/articles/icebreakersbeyond.html < go to LEAD, click on ICEBREAKERS >

Worship [15 min]

You may select songs like "Cornerstone", "Good Good Father", "Here In Your Presence" or "Great Are You Lord".

Spiritual Objectives

At the end of the cell discussion, cell members will:

1. Reflect on the lessons learnt from the storm mentioned in Mark 4:35-41.
2. Trust Jesus through the storms of life!

Word [45 min]

Pastor Lionel shared about the lessons from the storm (Mark 4:35-41)

1. The calm before the storm (vs 35-36)

Pastor Lionel shared that God had a divine assignment for Jesus. Jesus travelled through a storm across the sea to the country of the Gerasenes, only to deliver a man who was demon-possessed (Legion). Pastor Lionel asked whether this fierce storm was a natural phenomenon or a demonic attack.

Lesson 1: In life, storms come even when we are doing God's will.

2. The calm during the storm (vs 37-38)

Pastor Lionel shared about the contrasting responses between Jesus and the disciples - Jesus slept in the storm while his disciples were worried.

Lesson 2: We can still find peace in a storm as we find rest in God (Isa 26:3-4)

3. The calm after the storm (vs 38-39)

The disciples called on Jesus to save them, and Jesus calmed the wind and the waves with a word.

Lesson 3: When in a storm, it is of utmost importance to seek God for help and wait patiently upon Him for deliverance. (Ps 55:22, Ps 91:14-16)

4. The inner storm in the calm (vs 40-41)

Jesus rebuked His disciples for their lack of faith after He stilled the storm. Jesus revealed His divinity to His disciples (Ps 65:7, Ps 89:9)

Lesson 4: God often uses the storms of life to draw us closer to Him! (Psalm 107:23-32 NLT)

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Mark 4:35-41. Pastor Lionel shared about different lessons learnt from the storm. Share your thoughts about one of the lessons taught. [15 min]**

2. **Share a time when you encountered a setback that got you questioning God's goodness and character - how did you respond? Looking back, what lessons did you learn? [15 min]**

3. **Jesus said to the storm "Peace! Be still!" and the storm was stilled (vs 39). What is an area of your life that you need Jesus to speak life and peace into? Share with your cell members and pray for each other. [15 min]**

Works [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. In the midst of storm, every RiverLifer will always choose to focus their attention on Jesus, crossing it with faith anchoring on the Lord unchanging fatherly nature.

Announcements**1. Sign up for the Zonal Camp**

There are several Zonal Camps running (2-4 Jun or 8-10 Jun) for the EA Family and Adult People's Group. Let us make time to listen and encounter the Lord personally in the camp. It is also a good opportunity for bonding with other members in the Zone. Register at the Camp Booth @ Atrium this weekend.

2. Water Baptism Class

Sat, 2 Jun | 9am-3pm | Faith Chapel

Register for this class at the Information Counter by Sun, 27 May. For enquiries, please contact Clara Tan at 65114160 or email her at claratan@riverlife.org.sg.

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