

FOR CONFERENCING

1. Look back over the first 4 chapters of Mark and recount Jesus' miracles. What types or kinds of miracles did He perform and what different kind of power and authority of Jesus is seen in each type?

2. The event recorded in Mark 4:35-41 was on the evening of the same day of all the events that we read of in verses 1-34. What kind of day (schedule) did Jesus have? Was this typical of a day in the life of Jesus? Knowing that He had human flesh (that He was a man), what could you conclude about His physical condition?

3. **Read Mark 1:1.** Knowing that this is Mark's introduction of Jesus in his gospel, what does it say about the purpose of his writing? **Read John 1:1-3.** What does this passage tell us about Jesus? **Read Hebrews 1:2-3.** What does this passage tell us about Jesus? **Read Colossians 1:16-17.** What does this passage tell us about Jesus?

4. **Read Mark 4:37-38; Matthew 8:24-25; and Luke 8:23-24.** What conditions were Jesus and the disciples in? What words tell you how serious those conditions were?

5. **Read Mark 4:39.** How is this miracle different than the other miracles Jesus had been performing?

6. **Read Mark 4:40.** What lesson did Jesus want the disciples to learn from this miracle? In what ways do we, too, need to learn this lesson? (Can you share an example with your group?)

7. **Read Mark 4:31; Genesis 18:27; Exodus 3:4-6; and Isaiah 6:1-8.** Why do you think it is that after Jesus calmed the storm in such a dramatic and powerful way that the disciples "*feared exceedingly*?"

8. **Read Psalm 55:22 & I Peter 5:7.** What should we do when we fear? Think of all the attributes and descriptions of God that should assure you that you have no need to fear whatever happens in your life and that you can place absolute confidence and trust in God. Can you share with your group about an event in your life that as God brought you through it, it strengthened your faith?