

Mark 4:35-41

1. What do we immediately think of when we hear the phrase "fear of the Lord"?

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2. First notice the level of detail in the story. Are there details given that don't at all advance the story? What does this tell you about the authenticity of the account?
3. Read Psalm 65:7; 89:9; 107:29. In reading these psalms that the disciples would know well, how would you answer their question in vs. 41?
4. The disciples are described as being filled with "great fear" *after* Jesus calms the storm. Put yourself in the place of the disciples at that moment, why would you be experiencing great fear?
5. To fear the Lord is be overwhelmed in awe and wonder at his attributes. Pick a few of the attributes of God and talk about what it would be like to be overwhelmed by them? How would it change how you feel? Think? Behave?

6. Jesus asks them why they *are* (present tense) so afraid, and asks them "have you still no faith"? From the interactions between them and Jesus in this story what do they not trust about Jesus?

7. What do we learn about faith from this passage?

8. In this story the disciples see the fullness of who Jesus is and are overwhelmed with fear. The fear of the Lord is said to bring into our lives deeper joy, worship, obedience – How can that be? Do you desire more of "the Fear of the Lord"? Why or why not? If Yes, how could this grow in you?

9. Read Jonah 1. What are the similarities between the two stories? What are the differences? What might the Holy Spirit through Mark be trying to communicate to us about the person and work of Jesus?

10. In Matthew 12:38-41 Jesus says that the only sign they will get will be the sign of Jonah. From reading the story of Jonah, what is the sign that Jesus is referring to? What does this tell us about Jesus' death? (Think of the impact on the sailors of them throwing Jonah into the storm)