

C3 LEADERS QUESTIONS

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Getting Started with a Warm-Up: (Pick one of these questions)

- Please share with your group a difficult time where you needed courage to get through it and what it was that gave you the courage to get through it. (*For leaders: Please be ready to share if no one else does.*)

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

- 1) **Scripture:** A) Read Mark 4:35-41. In your own words briefly describe what is happening in this passage? B) In verse 40, why do you think Jesus asked His disciples “Do you still have no faith?” Hint: Look at what they had seen Jesus do already to this point (read Mark 3:1-12). (*For leaders: Point out that when Jesus asked this question about their lack of faith it’s as if he’s asking, “What more do I need to do for you to have faith in me?”*)

1 Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. 2 Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus’ enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man’s hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath. 3 Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, “Come and stand in front of everyone.” 4 Then he turned to his critics and asked, “Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?” But they wouldn’t answer him. 5 He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! 6 At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus. 7 Jesus went out to the lake with his disciples, and a large crowd followed him. They came from all over Galilee, Judea, 8 Jerusalem, Idumea, from east of the Jordan River, and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon. The news about his miracles had spread far and wide, and vast numbers of people came to see him. 9 Jesus instructed his disciples to have a boat ready so the crowd would not crush him. 10 He had healed many people that day, so all the sick people eagerly pushed forward to touch him. 11 And whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw them to the

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ground in front of him shrieking, "You are the Son of God!" 12 But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits not to reveal who he was. (Mark 3:1-12, NLT)

"35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. 38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" 39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" Mark 4:35-41, NLT)

Below is an excerpt from the The Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.

Mark 3

V 1–6: SABBATH Jesus heals a man with a withered hand and incurs great opposition because He does it on the Sabbath. Again, confirming the Sabbath's continued existence, He shows that it is in the spirit of Sabbath to be a blessing to people and to do them good. His concern is for a Sabbath that will honour God in spirit as well as in the letter. The Pharisees and Herodians plot to kill Him as a result.

V 7–12: SON Following His preaching to huge crowds drawn from all quarters, which necessitates speaking from a boat to the shore, Jesus heals many. Evil spirits are cast out and publicly acclaim Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus warns them not to make Him known.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+3&version=NLT>

Mark 4

V 35–41: POWER OF STORM - By stopping the power of the storm, Jesus shows His divine power and His ability to create peace in nature, or in the human heart. Even His disciples are amazed at His authority.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+4&version=NLT>

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- 2) **Observation:** Read Mark 4:35-41. A) What is the disciples' main struggle? What verse in this passage summarizes the disciples' struggle? B) Based on their experiences with Jesus up to this point how do you think the disciples should have handled this situation? C) Do you think Jesus was disappointed with the disciples? Why or why not?
- 3) **Application:** Briefly describe what you have learned from this story that you can *apply* to your life *now*.
- 4) **Prayer:** Please guide your group in prayer to God that He will teach us through this series how to grow our faith and diminish our fears.