

## **When Trials Reveal Misplaced Faith**

How good it is when we can enjoy seasons of calm and smooth sailing – times when life is good and our relationship with Jesus seems to be in a great place. And then it happens . . . the storm! The winds blow and the waves pound against us. A tragedy. An unexpected change. A life-altering challenge. And all of a sudden our confidence is gone. We feel a bit lost. We are unsure of our faith. Is it firmly fixed on Jesus OR in something less worthy? Storms have the power to reveal such truths. And ultimately that is good because it can help us grow.

**Opening Discussion:** What's the scariest storm you've ever encountered?

**Read Luke 8:22-25 (Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41)**

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Are you surprised by the disciples' reaction? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What does this storm reveal about the disciples?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why do you think Jesus' response to the disciples' fear-filled request is to ask, "Where is your faith?" What is Jesus really asking?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What do we learn about Jesus in this episode?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. From what we know of Jesus, it seems that He knew that He was leading the disciples into the storm. How do you feel about the idea the Jesus mostly like does the same thing in our lives at times?

7. Are there any situations in your life right now where Jesus might be asking you, "Where is your faith?"
8. What are the things that you tend to trust in instead of Jesus at times?
9. How can we learn to run to Jesus first when the storms of life come rather than as our last resort?
10. What is the main thing that you sense God teaching you through this passage?