

GOD WITH US

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WARM UP QUESTION: What are your favorite and least-liked seasons of the year? What do you enjoy or dislike about each season?

READ: Mark 7:35-41; Matthew 1:23

FOCUS: God is with us in our storms because Jesus endured the ultimate storm for us!

OBSERVE:

- Storms may evolve from rebellion and disobedience, acts of the devil, or bad decisions made by others that impact us.
- In a storm, we can choose to bring Jesus in our boat by crying out to Him, not in despair or hopelessness, but in hope, by prayer, praise and speaking the truth of His Word.
- While storms in our lives may not always be dismissed, we can lean on Jesus for strength to endure them and ask God to grow us through the experience.

REFLECT:

- Does this scene in the boat remind you of a life experience where finding peace and hope was difficult?
- What strategies do you use to navigate the storms of life?
- What do you feel like the Holy Spirit is calling you to do in response to this message?

TAKE ACTION:

- How can you take Jesus into your boat, and support each other in your LIFE group during stormy seasons?
- Do you know someone going through a stormy season? Reach out to support them during their difficult time.

PRAY: *Dear Lord, thank You for being greater than our life storms and for giving us Jesus as our source of peace. Take us into the safety of Your arms, teaching us to trust and hope in Jesus, and supporting our fellow believers in Christ during times of trouble. In Jesus Name, Amen!*