

Crossline Community Groups
Week 6 – Fall 2016
The Storms of Life

OPEN IN PRAYER THEN READ & ANSWER.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NIV

When it comes to this life what does Jesus tell us to expect? Why is the advanced warning helpful?

What promises does he extend to us in the middle of the storms?

What do the storms of life reveal about people?

Storm Story # 1: THE FUGITIVE

While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. "Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this." The two of them made a covenant before the LORD. Then Jonathan went home, but David remained at Horesh. 1 Samuel 23: 15-18 NIV

What does the storm above tell us about the following: (come up with fill-ins as a group)

WE NEED PEOPLE TO _____ US

WE NEED POWER TO _____ US

WE NEED PROMISES TO _____ US

WE NEED PERSPECTIVE TO _____ US

Storm Story # 2: NO QUICK FIX

"Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:36-42 NIV

What does Jesus model for us as we go through our storms of life?

I can personally apply tonight's study to my own life today by:

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AS GROUP

Fill-ins for Eye of the Storm

source of my stability

relationship to reality

perspective about my pain

people to walk with us

power to sustain us

promises to assure us

perspective to calm us

honest

trusting

surrendered

a place of calm in the chaos

secure, God

depend