

**Crossline Community Groups**  
**Week 7 – Fall 2016**  
**Trusting God in the Storm**

**OPEN IN PRAYER, READ, & ANSWER**

*That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"*

*He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" Mark 4:35-41 NIV*

What experience do you think the disciples expected when they got in the boat with Jesus?

As the situation worsened how did their feelings/attitude toward Jesus change? Why do you think they felt like that?

After Jesus wakes up and reveals his authority over the elements – what was “still” not quite right in their belief in and connection to Jesus?

What does Jesus desire less of/more of driving his followers behaviors in the storm?

**STORM PROMISE**

*But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Isaiah 43:1-4 NIV*

What assurances does God give that serve to decrease fear and increase faith & trust?

What does God say will definitely “not” happen because he is with us?

How does God proceed to back up the promises in this passage?

**GETTING THERE**

*Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.*

*Psalm 112:6-8 NIV*

What picture is presented here of the believer in God?

What other sources do we “trust in” besides the Lord?

What specific things can we intentionally DO to build and maintain a secure trust in the Lord?

**CLOSE IN GROUP PRAYER**

