

AFTER THE STORM

As preached on Sunday, June 20th

Read: Mark 4:35-41

1. Have you ever been caught in a natural storm? What was the experience like?
2. As you read through this week's text, describe the storm Jesus and his disciples encounter. Do you think this was a natural storm or a supernatural storm created for a purpose?
3. How do the disciples respond to the storm? With experienced fishermen among them, why do you think they were so afraid?
4. What do you think is implied, if anything, in the disciples' question to Jesus: "*Teacher, don't you care if we drown?*" Have you ever asked God a similar question? (explain)
5. How does Jesus respond when the disciples wake him? What is the significance of his response?
6. Why does Jesus ask the questions he asks in v.40? Were they rhetorical questions? If not, why are there no responses recorded?
7. What can we learn from the disciples' struggle to trust and Jesus' revelation of power in this week's text? How can we learn to exercise the capacity of our faith in the midst of the storms we face?