

Application

What preparations do you need to make to allow room for ‘scum’ in your life?

Prayer

Write out a prayer to God in regards to what it means to eat with “scum”?

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Does your understanding of who Jesus is result in faith or fear?

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#FaithNotFear

Part 7

Passage Study Guide

This week we will be looking at three passages recorded in the synoptic Gospels of the eyewitness’ accounts of Jesus calming the storm. We have included the pertinent Scripture passages for you to read and study. We have also provided a series of exercises and follow-up questions for you to consider as you study this week.

Study Exercises

1. What’s the Same?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what’s the same in each of the Gospel accounts. When you identify something that is found in all of the accounts underline them.

2. What’s Different?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what’s different in each of the Gospel accounts. When you identify something that is different go ahead and underline them in a different color.

3. What’s Unique?

Spend time reading the passages from each of the Gospels. Then look for what’s unique to each of the Gospel accounts (if applicable). When you identify something that is unique go ahead and highlight them.

4. What concepts or Ideas are discussed?

Make a list of the concepts or ideas that are discussed by the Gospel writers in regards to this passage.

5. Definitions

What do you think the author means when they reference each of the following concepts or ideas from this passage?

- “Even the wind and waves obey him”
- Why did Jesus rebuke the wind and waves, but doesn’t seem to rebuke the disciples?
- Being terrified and amazed at the same time?
- “Do you still have no faith?”

6. Consider this...

These disciples only went where Jesus told them to go—on a boat trip that encountered a storm. Why do you think that happened? Why do we need to read these accounts of Jesus calming the storm? Why do we sometimes think that following Jesus means we don’t encounter storms? What implications could this have for you, if you don’t think that way?

7. Reflection

What “storms” are happening in your life right now? How can you move from fear to faith in the midst of those storms? Who could you share your faith journey with today? Who needs to hear about “Faith Not Fear” living?

Jesus Calms the Storm

Matthew 8:23-27 (NLT)

²³ Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. ²⁴ Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” ²⁶ Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm.

²⁷ The disciples were amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked. “Even the winds and waves obey him!”

Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

³⁵ As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” ³⁶ So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). ³⁷ But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

³⁸ Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?”

³⁹ When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ The disciples were absolutely terri-

fied. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”

Luke 8:22-25 (NLT)

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and started out. ²³ As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger. ²⁴ The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm. ²⁵ Then he asked them, “Where is your faith?”

The disciples were terrified and amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!”