

# Storms Revisited

A "Missions Morning at GPC"  
Insights from Mark 4:35-41, Acts 27:13-44  
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**Let's review:**

**The storms of life:**

- They are I \_\_\_\_\_
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**What if we could \_\_\_\_\_ on life's storms?**

**Storms in life bring about change**

**Storms help us \_\_\_\_\_**

(Mark 4:40-41)

**Storms are an \_\_\_\_\_**

(Acts 27:35-36)

**Storms put our \_\_\_\_\_**

(Acts 27:25)

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## **This Week's Discussion Guide**

Welcome to our last week of our nine week Spring small group season at GPC.

We are wrapping up our small group discussions by focusing on some of the mission ministries we are teaming up with at GPC.

On the last Sunday of each month from January to June, we have highlighted one or more of the ministries in San Diego and Mexico that we are supporting together.

In the past nine weeks, it has been our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships as part of our vision at GPC to raise up committed Christ followers in a healthy church community.

### **Getting Started:**

We read about two stories of major storms. Have you ever lived in a place that experiences severe thunderstorms or hurricanes?

What's the biggest storm you've ever lived through?

In Acts 27, Paul's ship crashed in Malta after being lost for days at sea.

Has there ever been a time in your life when being lost led you to discover something new or interesting?

Since this is our last small group time together until the Fall, how has being part of our small group encouraged you and / or stretched you?

How can we try and keep in touch while we take a two month summer small group break?

### **Reviewing and Reflecting on the Passage:**

Let's read the two key passages from last Sunday. (Mark 4:35-41 and Acts 27:13-44)

After reading these passages and looking back on our notes from Sunday, was there a particular thought, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question for you?

## **Digging Deeper:**

Many people resent the storms in life that they've endured.

A few can appreciate the growth they have experienced from them in hindsight.

But far fewer still can see storms as opportunities as they experience them.

Reflecting on God's past faithfulness in our lives will help us have a better perspective on the storms that will come to each of us in the future.

Is there a "God Story" you can share that might encourage the group?

When Jesus sent his disciples out in Matt. 10:7, he told them to proclaim his message as they went. This means that God is at work in us on our journey, not just when we reach our destination.

Jesus was building character in his disciples on the journey across the lake, not just in what they experienced when they reached the other side.

In 1 Peter, Peter wrote a letter to the Christ followers who had been dispersed throughout the ancient world and were under intense persecution.

If anyone understood persecution, it was Peter. He was beaten, threatened, punished, and jailed for preaching the Word of God.

He knew what it took to endure without bitterness, without losing hope and in great faith living an obedient, victorious life.

This knowledge of living hope in Jesus was the message, and Christ's example was the one to follow.

Let's read through the first chapter of 1 Peter, (1 Peter 1:1-25) and share with each other some insights regarding how to face the storms of life (back then and today) in way that grows us and glorifies God.

## **Wrapping Up:**

Is there a new thing God is asking you to do at this point in your journey with him?

Is there anything from this week's sermon or discussion that you'd like prayer for?

Is there anything else on your heart that you would ask for prayer about?