

Mark 4v35-41
Bible study questions and application

1. Introduce the study by asking members of the group to share of any time in their lives they asked the question, “Jesus do you really care that I am suffering?”
2. Identify the crises from Mark 4:35 – 5:43. Discuss the response of Jesus in each instance.
3. Get the group to brainstorm the difficulties and hardships people encounter today.
4. In Mark 4:38 we read that Jesus is asleep. Discuss the comment in the sermon “Jesus could sleep through the storm because he knew this would not be the way he would die. He demonstrated total trust in His Father’s plan for his life.
5. Do we believers have similar kind of trust in our Father’s plan for our lives?
6. Point out to the group that their particular world view will determine how they respond to hardship. Discuss these 2 approaches:
 - i. If they see the world and their lives and circumstances as mere random or chance realities then any adverse event or condition will lead them into despair and fear.
 - ii. If they see Jesus in sovereign control with confidence in Him working all things for the good of those who love Him and called according to His purpose then faith and rest are more likely to replace fear.
7. What can we learn about who Jesus is from this passage?
8. How does what Mark records here about Jesus apply to *Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*
9. Pray for any in the group who are facing hardship at the present time.