



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - March 16, 2025

Things You Learn In A Boat
Matthew 8:23-27

I. You learn about Yourself

- A. You have an untested faith

- B. Your fear forgets who's in the boat with you

- C. Your storm is here to grow your faith

II. You learn about Jesus

- A. Jesus does not fear
- B. Jesus does demand growing faith
- C. Jesus does command the waves

III. You learn the same lesson

- A. Jesus Christ is God
- B. Put your faith in Him

Life Group Study Questions
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1. Describe a time when you were out of control and it frightened you. What was the worst part of the experience?
2. Why did this encounter with the storm raise the stakes of discipleship for Christ's followers?
3. We often see "survival" as the biggest issue in storms. What does this passage reveal Jesus thinks is the biggest issue?
4. We are afraid of many things in this life. How do these things cause us to forget Christ and His power? Do you have a "forgetful faith?"
5. How could Jesus be truly asleep in this boat? Was He faking it? Why should His sleep encourage us?
6. What causes us to believe that difficult circumstances are an indication of Christ's lack of concern for us? Why does this argument fall apart when we recognize His authority over all things?
7. Jesus calmly tells the waves to hush and they are immediately still. How can He do this? (Heb. 1:3)
8. What storms are you presently allowing to rule your heart with fear? Why is it better to fear the One Who is in your boat?

9. Pray for one another that we would recognize that Jesus Christ is God and we would put our trust in Him.