

# THE JESUS BOAT

Luke 8:22-25

## Jesus demonstrates that He is Lord by...

- Guiding us through trials that are intended to deepen our dependence on Him. (8:22-23a)
- By showing His authority over all creation. (8:23b-24)
- Calling us to trust Him in all circumstances. (8:25a)
- Revealing Himself to be God. (8:25b)

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What is the worst physical (not metaphorical) storm you have ever been in? Share how it made you feel and what you were thinking. What did you experience after the storm had calmed?
2. How do you view trials in life? Do you see them as being ordained by God to deepen your faith? Why or why not? Job 2:9-10; Gen. 50:18-2; James 1:2-4
3. Discuss how trials in your life have shaped your understanding of Jesus? Do you view them as something to be merely endured or something to be learned from? Rom. 8:26-30, 11:33-36; Prov. 3:5-6
4. How does Jesus' authority over creation (wind and waves) influence your confidence in His care during life's chaos? Job 38:1-5; Matt. 3:9; Psalm 104:3; Col. 1:16-20.
5. Why do you think Jesus rebuked the disciples? Why was he asking "Where is your faith?" How does this challenge you to think of your faith in the midst of trials? Psalm 46:1-3, 32:10-11; Matt. 6:25-34; Phil. 4:4-7
6. How does knowing that Jesus is God help you see God more clearly in the midst of trials? Psalm 107:23-32; Acts 10:36; Heb. 1:2-3
7. Share what trials you may be experiencing now, encourage one another in Scripture and prayer? Gal. 6:2

