

Small Group Discussion 1/30/2022

Does Jesus Care?

– sermon by Dan Norwood

Mark 4:35-5:43

Getting Started

- Have you ever experienced a time when you questioned (or maybe even accused) God as to whether He knows or cares about what is happening in your life? If so, how did that play out?

Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
 - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
 - What is the main truth of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

Discussion

- How does Jesus' stilling of the storm differ from His changing the life/lifestyle of the tax collector, Zacchaeus?
- Did this sermon depend too heavily on an assumption that observing a person's work can lead to greater insight about the person's ability and attitude?
- Why do you think Jesus told Jairus (and his family) "strictly" (5:43) not to tell anyone about their daughter's resuscitation, whereas He encouraged the former demoniac to show everyone what had happened to him?
- In what way(s) were you enriched by the message? Were you encouraged? Did you learn anything new, or was anything you already knew strengthened, reinforced or amplified?
- Did the message stimulate you to be more active in sharing Christ with others?