



# The Other Side

## Discussion Guide

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There are things in this life that you will go through, no matter if you are a Jesus follower or not. Even while they were with Jesus, the disciples experienced things that challenged them, that grew their faith, and that made them wiser. Every miracle they experienced and every storm they faced helped them share the message of Jesus Christ with clarity and conviction. This week, let's examine what it takes to get to the other side.

### **Jump Start**

1. What is something you are hoping to get to the other side of right now? Or is there a situation where you have passed through the storm to the other side and encourage others?
2. **Read [Mark 1:25, 33-34, 41, 2:11, and 3:5](#)**. What miracles had the disciples witnessed Jesus do prior to them following Him and getting into the boat? What miracles have you seen Jesus do in your life? Have they caused you to follow Him?
3. **Read [Mark 4:35-38 and Hebrews 6:18](#)**. How did the disciples respond when they realized they were in a storm and Jesus was asleep? What is your initial response to a "storm" in your life? What understanding do we get from this verse in Hebrews about how we should respond?
4. **Read [Mark 4:39-41, Isaiah 43:2-3, and Psalm 46:10](#)**. Jesus was in the boat with the disciples and yet they were afraid. What is the difference between knowing Jesus is in your boat, and knowing the Jesus in the boat? Knowing the miracles He had performed, why do you think they still lacked faith? How does this apply in your own life?
5. **Read [Matthew 10:1-15, Psalm 138: 3](#)**. Once they had gotten to the shore, Jesus performed more miracles, and He gathered the disciples. He gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. Knowing that you have the same power because you are a follower of Jesus, what will you do next? How will you choose to stand in the storm?
6. **Pray This Prayer:** Holy Spirit, You are welcome in this place. Fill this place and change the atmosphere of my heart. Even though I am in the midst of this storm, even if I am not in the storm, God, help me stay ready for the storm. In this life, we will have trouble, but I will take courage and know that You have overcome this world. So, I stand in victory with you, Christ Jesus! Father, I thank You for giving me the desire to want to spend time with You, so that I can know You more. God, I want You in my boat, and I want to know You deeply while I am in the boat. Father, You are faithful to Your Word. I love you Lord. Thank You for giving me my next steps. Help me, Holy Spirit; help me to remain, help me to see this world like You see it. Break my heart for the things that break Yours and give me the strength to endure. Grant me clarity God, when I don't know or understand what You are doing. Help me to be faithful to what You have called me to do, and who You have called me to be. Help me to be consistent, steadfast, and always abounding in Your work, God. Father, I will not give up when the hurricanes of life come my way. My house will stand because You are protecting me. You are my foundation. I know you to be a way maker, miracle worker, a promise keeper, and I

worship you. Father, I am thankful for the supernatural coverage that You provide. I love You, Lord. I want to know You more. I thank You in the storm. I will have joy while I wait to get to the other side. I know You are working. I praise You! It's in Christ Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

### Deeper

This week we will begin studying scripture in a new way. We will begin to read the scripture and code it as we read. Why we are doing this? To slow down and become aware of Jesus' life, mission, and work. We are also doing this in order to give time and space to let Jesus reveal Himself to us as we read scripture. There are also the **SOAP** questions to help guide you as well. (**S O A P** stands for **Scripture Observation Application Prayer** ). There are lots of ways to study God's Word. The key is to just do it. As we spend time with God, we become more like Him.

### CODING GUIDE:

(If you do not have these colors adjust to what you have and make a coding guide in your study notebook)

**Yellow Highlighter:** God is speaking personally to me.

**Green Highlighter:** Who I am to be or what I am to do.

**Red Underline:** Mind Blowing. (Something that stood out to you)

**Black Circle:** I do not understand this at all. HELP.

(Bring this up when you are in Life Group to discuss.)

7. **Scripture.** Read [Daniel 10:7-13, Matthew 14:22-33](#) What stood out to you the most?

*Take time to read this passage and allow God to speak to you. Jot down anything that made you stop and pause or anything that you questioned. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you and write it out fully in your journal.*

8. **Observe.** What is God saying to you in these verses? What overarching theme or promise did you see? What did the specific verse that you were drawn to teach you?

*What do you think God is saying to you, personally and specifically, in these Scriptures? (You can even have a short prayer at this point, asking the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Remember that He promised to give us wisdom and reveal truth to us when we ask.)*

9. **Application.** How will you apply what God showed you through these verses?

*Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or correction in an area of your life. Write down how this Scripture applies to you today.*

10. **Pray.** Pray about what you read in [Daniel 10:7-13, Matthew 14:22-33](#) Pray about what God revealed to you in these verses.

*This prayer can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so take time here! Be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out. Journaling your quiet time helps you to see what God is teaching you over time.*