

# DISCOVER JESUS WITH MARK

## LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

### Meeting no 7 THEME: Does God care?

**Prepare** yourself. Pray for your Life Group's meeting. Read **Mark 4:35-41**

**20.00 – 20.10 Start** Today we will see the disciples during and after a windstorm. Were there any windstorms in your life recently?

**20.10 – 20.15 Pray.**

**20.15 - 20.40 Bible passage:** Read Mark 4:35-41 twice.

- Why would Jesus have suggested to get across – although it was already evening? (Mk.1:38)
- Have you ever been on the sea during a storm literally? Then how was that?
- Jesus was asleep during the storm.
  - Where did Mark mention the word 'sleep' earlier? (Mk.4:27)
  - There are similarities and differences between Jesus and Jonah (Jonah 1). Which?
- Look again at the words of the disciples when they woke Jesus. What strikes you? Have you ever felt like them?
- Read vs. 39 and 40 once more. What strikes you here?
- What could the disciples already have known about 'who Jesus was'?

Jesus has called disciples and promised he'll make them become fishers of men. Here we see that the disciples need help and salvation themselves. They almost drown. However, they would not drown in the sea. Jesus is the One who saves them. Later on, Jesus will give His life for them, as Jonah gave himself to be thrown into the sea. We can learn here, that the Lord does care and has all power. Yes, we will face many storms during our lives. But if our God is for us, who can be against us? By making known to him all our requests by prayer, with thanksgiving, we can cast our anxieties on him. And receive from him peace of mind, even in the midst of a storm.

**20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper**

Read Romans 8:31-19 and Philippians 4:4-7. Take two minutes of silence, ask God's Spirit to speak to your heart. If anyone wants to share a thought that came to your mind, feel free to share.

**20.50 – 21.00 End** the Life Group meeting with praying together.