

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE JESUS FILTER: WEEK 3

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

Think about your worst day this past week. What was it about that day that set it on a bad path? Was it one thing that dominated your day, or a series of events that made it so bad? How do you normally handle bad days? What gets you through them?

Read Mark 4:35-41. What are some things that stand out to you in this story? What does this account show us about Jesus' power? His heart? What question did the disciples ask at the end of this account? How does this story prompt us to ask ourselves this same question?

How would you describe the difference between a "bad day" and a storm? Can you think of a time in your life when it felt like you were in a storm? What happened? What was that like? What is it about storms that makes us ask Jesus the same question His disciples asked ("Don't you care that we are about to drown?")?

When Jesus and His disciples encountered this storm, they were on their way to the other side of the lake. How do we remember that the storm is not our ultimate destination? How does that help us stand strong in times of difficulty? How does it help us to trust Jesus in the storm?

We normally think of peace as the absence of conflict. The Bible defines it as fullness and completeness given to us by God. In what ways does this transform our concept of what peace is? How does it change what we ask God for in the midst of our storms? How does Philippians 4:6-7 encourage us in this?

Read James 1:2-4. What does James say God can do through the storms and trials of our lives? How have you experienced this in your life? Close your time together in prayer, asking God to show you each His purpose and peace in the middle of whatever storms you may face.