

Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **6/20/15 – 6/21/15**
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

Equipping “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”—Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.3)	Outreach (p.3)	Word of God (p.2)	Equipping (p. 3)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.1)
Study component leader					

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Introduction

Mark 4:35-41 (MSG):

³⁵⁻³⁸ “Late that day he said to them, ‘Let’s go across to the other side.’ They took him in the boat as he was. Other boats came along. A huge storm came up. Waves poured into the boat, threatening to sink it. And Jesus was in the stern, head on a pillow, sleeping! They roused him, saying, ‘Teacher, is it nothing to you that we’re going down?’

³⁹⁻⁴⁰ Awake now, he told the wind to pipe down and said to the sea, ‘Quiet! Settle down!’ The wind ran out of breath; the sea became smooth as glass. Jesus reprimanded the disciples: ‘Why are you such cowards? Don’t you have any faith at all?’

⁴¹ They were in absolute awe, staggered. ‘Who is this, anyway?’ they asked. ‘Wind and sea at his beck and call!’”

Worship – Our Redemption Response**5 minutes**

Take turns reading through the following—from Psalm 107:1-3, 22-32 (ESV):

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble**

³ and gathered in from the lands from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

²³ **Some went down to the sea in ships doing business on the great waters;**

²⁴ they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

²⁵ **For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.**

²⁶ They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
Their courage melted away in their evil plight;

²⁷ **they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end.**

²⁸ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

²⁹ **He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

³⁰ Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

³¹ **Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

ALL: Amen.

Word of God**45 minutes**

1. How did you SEE God at work in your life this week?
2. What has God been teaching you in HIS WORD?
3. What is the promise of Psalm 4:8?

4. Read Mark 4:35-41. In the midst of their fear, the disciples remember where to turn. Where is that? In their doubts, they failed to remember something, what was that something?

5. What about you? What storms have you been facing? To whom are you remembering to turn to? When the fear overtakes you, what do you find yourself forgetting?

6. How can we as group members remind each other whom to turn to? How can we remind each other what we need not forget? Think practical ways in which to do these things.

Outreach

15 minutes

How may God use you this week (maybe today) to share with one who does not know Jesus that He is the answer to the storms we face in life? Jesus is the One who quiets the storms. Jesus is the One who saves.

Prayer

20 minutes

Share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting's *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God's Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you've shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

Equipping *for coordinating next week's meeting...*

5 minutes

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