

# The Peace of God

## Mark 4:35-41

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Down to Earth Series

### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

There are countless definitions for the word 'peace' but when we look at the biblical definition of peace, it means the absence of war. When Jesus was born, the angels didn't just sing about peace, they proclaimed it upon the earth. As Jesus lived, ministered, and taught, His followers uncovered that the peace promised with this King runs counter-culturally. His peace causes the weary soul to rejoice, His peace helps us overcome fear, His peace is a promised gift to all who call Him their Savior. Join us today as we look at the Peace of God and what it means for believers in Christ.

## REALIZE

### 1. The Peace of God is found in the Promises of God.

- **Scripture Reference;** Mark 4:35-41; Isaiah 9:6-7; John 14:27
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What promises in God's Word do you cling to as a source of peace?

### 2. Peace is a product of partnership.

- **Scripture Reference;** Mark 4:35-41; Philippians 4:6-7
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Philippians 4 reminds us that the Peace of God acts as a guard for our hearts and minds. Identify an area where you have noticed you haven't been as intentional to allow His peace to be your guard. Share that area with your group and why it's a challenge.

### 3. Storms can make way for Peace.

- **Scripture Reference;** Mark 4:35-41; 2 Peter 1:2
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What practical steps can you take in pursuing peace so that "The war around you won't be the war inside of you"?
  - If storms are an opportunity for us to know Christ in a deeper way, how might Christ be challenging your view of Him in this current season?

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?