



## THE OTHER SIDE

Mark 4:35 – 41 (ESV)

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*On that day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." – Mark 4:35 (ESV)*

- **The journey "to the other side" was about mission**

*And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. – Mark 4:36 (ESV)*

- **Sometimes, following Jesus means leaving the crowds behind**

*And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" – Mark 4:37 – 38 (ESV)*

*And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. – Mark 4:39 (ESV)*

- **God never loses control over His creation or over any situation**

*He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" – Mark 4:40 – 41 (ESV)*

- **When Jesus is in your boat, there is no need for fear**
- **In the storm, Jesus calls us to have faith in Him**



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Share your favorite sport and why you enjoy it. If you don't have a favorite sport, share your favorite hobby and why you enjoy it.
- Read Mark 4:36. Why does following Christ sometimes require leaving the crowds behind? What are some examples of what this might look like in life?
- The journey to *"the other side"* in Mark 4 is about Jesus reaching more people with the hope of salvation. Where in your life is God nudging you to share His message of hope with others?
- Where is God leading you to trust Him on a journey *"to the other side"*?
- In Mark 4:39, Jesus rebukes both the wind and the evil one. Where do you need God's peace in the midst of a life storm?
- Read Colossians 1:16 – 18 and Hebrews 1:3. What are some of the truths of these verses?
- Read Mark 4:40 – 41. How does knowing that Christ is with us help us overcome fear in the midst of life's storms?
- Pray for our new Director of Facilities, Operations, and Hospitality, Jeff Colen, and his wife, Katy, as they settle into ENCOUNTER and the community.