

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

What's the scariest nature experience you've ever had? Storm? Earthquake? Fire? Wild animals? Share your story.

LEARN & APPLY

Read Mark 4:35-38.

- What does the fact that Jesus is sleeping suggest to you about him? What would it take for you to be sleeping in that boat?
- Jesus' disciples are certainly not sleeping! What do you think the disciples are really asking Jesus in verse 38 and why?
- Have you ever felt like you wanted to shake Jesus awake to a situation or concern you felt might 'sink' you? What were your feelings toward him? How did you go about it?

Read Mark 4:39-41.

- What does Jesus' solution to the problem show us about him?
- Why do you think Jesus answered the disciples the way he did? What makes you afraid? Is anything impossible for God?
- Scripture shows us many examples of the old adage "Sometimes he calms the storm, and sometimes he calms his child." Can you think of times when Jesus has done either (or both of these) for you?
- Where have you seen/heard Jesus' power to calm 'storms' through the stories from Haiti?

PRAY

Lord Jesus, we pray that you would calm the storms around us, and in us, with your power and love. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and ask you, Lord, to show them your power in the storms of life. Today! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.