

JESUS WENT

...TO THE STORM

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3. I will TRUST JESUS through my storm.

The graphic features a cross on the left, with the words 'JESUS' and 'WENT' in a white, outlined font. The cross and the word 'WENT' are filled with a textured, abstract pattern of blue, orange, and black. To the right of 'WENT' is the phrase '...TO THE STORM' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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WEEK 6 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[CONNECT]

Have you ever been in a REALLY bad storm? A tornado, blizzard, hurricane, wildfire, or other natural disaster? Describe your experience(s) including some of the fear or worry you faced.

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

Read about Jesus calming the storm from our weekend message (Mark 4:35-41). Why were the disciples so fearful, yet Jesus was fast asleep?

Our storms tend to be emotional, relational, mental, financial, physical, and spiritual – share some of your own personal storms, and how you felt about your relationship with Jesus while going through them.

Jesus is the calm in our storms. How can this story confirm God's presence when we face extremely challenging times in our lives?

We can assume from the story that these experienced fishermen, who were no strangers to this specific Lake, knew how to battle these types of storms. Why did it take them so long before finally waking Jesus?

Read Hebrews 2:17-18, and discuss why this is so good for followers of Jesus to know and understand.

Jesus is also our teacher in our storms. Even though He is certainly able to completely calm any storm with which we find ourselves, sometimes He allows us to struggle for a bit. Why?

Through every storm we endure, we learn something. What are some of the things you believe Jesus has taught you in your own personal storms?

Trusting Jesus in our seasons of difficulty can be very challenging, but certainly what Jesus wants from us. How can you look ahead and prepare yourself to trust Jesus in the next storm of your life?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

One final storm that Jesus faced, and "went to", is the last 24 hours of His life. This storm had multiple elements to it. Sharing a meal with his friends knowing it was His last. Then washing their feet. Excusing Judas from dinner to go and sell Jesus out. Betrayal. The agony as He prayed and connected with the Father in the Garden before being arrested. Enormous pain and rejection by society as He's being whipped...and finally then everything He endured while being crucified for the sins of the world.

Jesus struggled too. And He did it...because that's how much He loves you. Jesus went to a storm. And it He did it for you...