

## Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Obstacles to Movement: Circumstances (Mark 4:35-41)

**Sermon Recap:** Travis shared that it is not 'if' we will experience difficult circumstances but "how do we react" to them that is the question. Looking at the four reactions in the passage, he said Jesus is able to handle our circumstances because he has experienced them, he is always working through them, and he wants to give us perspective above them: to see how they might benefit others.

1. Recount the worst storm (weather) that you've lived through.
2. What has been the most trying storm in your life? Are you one to run through, run from, or wallow in suffering? Can you look back and see God working in your life then? If the storm is ongoing, what has been a relief to you?
3. Travis said we must really ask ourselves the questions that Jesus asked the disciples, peeling back the layers. What are you so afraid of? Why are you afraid of it?
4. When you experience fear, where is your faith? In other words, what do you put your faith in?
5. The disciples experienced greater fear (meta phobos) in Jesus' power over the storm, than in the storm itself. How does this speak to the natural versus supernatural perspective?
6. Community is essential when experiencing difficult circumstances. How can others help?
7. Do you know anyone who especially needs prayer? Pray for them now. Keep an eye out for those who look like they are experiencing a storm in their lives this week. Pray for how you can help.