

Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Have you ever had a funny or terrible airplane experience?

Talk About it!

1. Read **Luke 8:22-26**

a. What are some things about this passage that immediately speak to you? You can draw from this weekend's message or from whatever stands out to you right now.

2. Why do you think Jesus told them to cross to the other side without warning them of the storm they would encounter?

3. If Jesus asked you to make a decision that would lead you into a storm, what would it take for you to still choose to "cross to the other side"?

4. Read **James 1:2-3**

a. What is God cultivating in us as we go through storms? Looking back at your life, can you think of a storm you persevered through and how you grew/matured through it?

5. Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

a. In what ways has the Lord comforted you through your storms? Have you seen that comfort work through you to comfort others?

6. Are there any storms you are currently experiencing in life? What about the passages we read or the message from the weekend encourages you? Feel free to refer to any notes from the sermon.

Scripture References

QUESTIONS 1-3 SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:22-26 NLT

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and started out. As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm. Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?" The disciples were terrified and amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!" So they arrived in the region of the Gerasenes, across the lake from Galilee.

QUESTIONS 4 SCRIPTURE

James 1:2-3 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

QUESTION 5 SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NLT

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.