

The Perfect Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Feel free to use this guide “as is” or formulate it in a way that works best for your online group this week.

These three general questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday’s sermon and the passages?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can you encourage and pray for each other to do what God told you?

Sermon: The Perfect Storm

Text: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon Summary:

What in your life right now feels like the perfect storm? During our time dealing with COVID-19, it’s important to remember who God is. Even when we lose control in what seems to be the perfect storm of events, we can rest knowing that God is the one walking beside us through it all.

Opening Questions:

- Describe a personal “perfect storm” from your past. How does it compare to your experience of these times of lockdown and threats from Covid-19? What have you personally struggled with the most?

What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- Read Mark 4:35-41.
- What stands out to you most in the story? What is God saying to you personally as you consider this story?

What are you going to do about it?

- What is God showing you right now during this pandemic? Is there anything that you have discovered that needs to change from your prior schedule or attitude?
- How could you continue to work on what your post-pandemic normal would look like? What would be your simple plan to schedule in new priorities?

How can you encourage and pray for each other to do what God told you?

- Read Hebrews 12:28-29.
- How is your passion for and dedication to Jesus growing through this perfect storm?
- How can you pray for each other this week?

Scripture Memory Verse:

He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

Mark 4:40-41

What's After ATX and Small Groups – We're Moving Forward!

We're launching our What's After Life discussions at the end of April and Tim will do his kick-off sermon on May 3rd. Here's what we're asking all small groups to do:

- Host the six-week What's after Life discussion in your online small group and have everyone in your group invite a friend or coworker to join you.
- Encourage everyone in your small group to host a discussion with friends, family and coworkers who normally wouldn't attend church or are not following Christ.
- Be sure to sign up to host a discussion and have everyone in your group planning to host a discussion sign up, too. Go to our What's After ATX website page <https://www.hcbc.com/whats-after-atx-discussion-videos/> and click on the "Host A Discussion" button. You will also find the six videos and a downloadable PDF of the discussion questions for each session.

COVID-19 General Applications:

Confidence in God also gives us the ability to get our eyes off ourselves so we can serve others. Let's think beyond ourselves with these simple activities:

- Pray for your family, neighbors and coworkers that God would comfort them and provide for them through these difficult times.
- Follow the direction of the CDC and local, state and federal entities. Senior Citizens and other higher-risk category people, please stay home and let others serve you during this time.
- Sign up on the HCBC website for helpful resources or to volunteer to serve someone in need: <https://www.hcbc.com/together-at-home/>