

# Crossover Seasons

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Most people would say they are experiencing a physical, emotional, and/or spiritual storm in this season. It is likely a season of transition and change. We are no longer what we used to be, but we have not become fully what we are supposed to become. As we navigate the storm, trying to hear and understand God's will, we need to answer three critical questions: what is the time/season we are living in, what is God doing in our generation during this time, and what is my place in joining God in what He's doing? As we ask and answer these questions, God desires to teach us more about who He is and how we are to think and live amid our storm.

## GETTING STARTED

What stood out to you, or resonated the most, from Leif's message this weekend?

## GO DEEPER

1. In Mark 4:35, what did Jesus say to His disciples? What was (and is) the promise in what Jesus said, in light of the storm/squall that arose on the lake?
2. What was Jesus doing in Mark 4:38, in contrast to the disciples and their response to the storm? What did Jesus know or believe that the disciples did not? What does rest amidst a physical, emotional or spiritual storm look like?
3. When does the story of Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14:22-36) take place, according to Matthew 14:25? Why is that timing significant? What is often stirred in us in the *last hour* of our storms, and why does God often show up in those moments?
4. In Matthew 14:29, what does Jesus say to Peter when He appears to the disciples, and how does Peter respond? What causes Peter to become afraid and begin to sink? What do these details of this passage teach us about the storms we are facing and how we are to respond?
5. In both Mark 4:35-41 and Matthew 14:22-35, what were the disciples initially afraid of, and what were they afraid of after their encounters with Jesus?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What storm are you facing right now? What words or promises has God spoken over you personally, over your family, and over our church? What does the other side of your storm look like?
2. What is your level of peace (or fear) in your storm? What is giving you that peace or fear? What does it look like to be at rest like Jesus in the midst of your storm?
3. God often shows up in unfamiliar ways when we face storms, different from previous seasons. How open are you to God working and moving in you in unfamiliar ways? What might that look like?
4. What overwhelms us shapes us. What is overwhelming you right now in your storm? What should overwhelm you?

## PRACTICE IT NOW

Take time as a group, in an attitude and atmosphere of prayer, to invite Jesus into your storm. Ask Him to show up in unfamiliar ways, to give you peace and rest amidst your storm. Ask God to help you to simply come to Him, to keep your eyes fixed on Him in faith and not on your circumstances. Ask God to bring to mind promises He has made to you, and verbally praise Him for those promises.