

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for December 11, 2022  
*We Need A Little Christmas: Peace*

### For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family



- **CONNECT** *with each other*
  - Where do you need a little peace right now?
- **GROW** *in Christ*

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” <sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

**Mark 4:35-41**

1. What strikes you about this passage? What questions do you have?
  2. Verse 28 implies that the disciples assumed that since the storm was raging and Jesus was asleep, He didn’t care about them, they felt abandoned. Have you ever felt that way?
  3. What does Jesus say in verse 40 is the real problem?
  4. Although the disciples had seen Jesus perform miracles and teach in such a way that shows He is God, they still doubted when confronted by the storm. Have you ever doubted Jesus in the storms of your life?
  5. Although this Gospel reading is not a Christmas Story, how is it tied to the Christmas account in Luke 2: 8-14? Who are those in verse 14 on whom God’s favor rests? How does this help us know, by faith, that God wants to give us peace from and in the storms of our lives?
- **SERVE** *others*
    - Throughout the month of December, you will have the opportunity to celebrate Jesus’ birthday by bringing your Christmas Miracle offering to support two families facing financial challenges. Together, we can create an unexpected miracle for others in Jesus’ name at Christmas.
  - **End with Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, or a short blessing.**