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Questions for further study

Taking faith to work – learning to trust in a pressurised world.

Mark 4 v 35-41

Geoff started by acknowledging that our work is “anywhere where we expend energy to achieve something.” This is the sense we’re using the word ‘work’ in through this study...

1. Think about your “work” place and the storms that beset you. What pressures do you have raining down from above, (boss, government regulations, restructures) coming up from underneath, (people you are in charge of, demands on time and attention) or swirling around you, (team members, colleagues, competitors, clients)?
2. How easy is it for you to take your faith into the workplace? What restrictions do you encounter?
3. The disciples struggled because they had forgotten what Jesus had said. “Let us go over to the other side.” It was a promise that they would reach shore. What promises can you take with you into your work? (examples could be Isaiah 41v10, Matt 6v34, Matt 28v20.)
4. Jesus’ presence in the boat was a guarantee that they would not sink. Isaiah 43v2 tells us that we will experience waters and fire but they will not overwhelm us. How does this make you feel? How can this help you as you work?
5. Jesus had the power to deal with the storm. Do you believe he can deal with the issues you face? Can you give examples of times when Jesus has answered prayers at work, or dealt with the storms for you?
6. After surviving the storm, the disciples were faced with a man possessed by many demons. Both events had a supernatural impurity about them, reminding us that we have an enemy who wants to devour and destroy. (1 Peter 5v8). How can this fact help you with issues and problems at work? (See also Eph 6v12).
7. Read Mark 5v17 and Mark 7v31. After being asked to leave Jesus eventually returned to the same area. This time 4,000 men (plus women and children) stayed with him for three days, listening to his words. What made the difference? (see Mark 5v19-20) What implications could this have for you being faithful in the workplace?
8. Spend time praying with each other about problems and issues you may be facing at work. Pray for colleagues and clients.