



Study questions

Sunday, Jan 5th '20

2 icebreaker questions

1. If you were able to sail around the world this year, what would you name your boat?
 2. What would you like the title of your autobiography to be?
- Spend time together praying - committing this next year and each other to God.

1. Read Psalm 46

i) Give an example from your experience of how God has given you peace in the middle of a turbulent time.

Has there been a specific time when God has reassured you by His words in verse 10?

ii) We quoted G.Campbell Morgan's comment on this psalm. "The secret of the confidence is the consciousness of the nearness of God." Would you agree with this summary? What other aspects of our relationship with God, or specific attributes of God, are highlighted in this psalm?

2. One title used of God is "the LORD Almighty", also translated Lord of hosts. It refers to God, the commander of the angel armies. This title (Jehovah Sabaoth) is used 235 times in Bible. Look up 1 Samuel 17:45. Why do you think did David refer to God in this way in that moment?

In what specific challenges in your life right now could you receive encouragement from remembering who God is?

3. Read Mark 4:35-41 - the stilling of the storm.

Are you ever annoyed when it looks like God is sleeping and ignoring the situation that has "swamped" you and threatens to drown you?

Why do you think the disciples wake Jesus up?

The Greek grammar of the disciples' question (verse 38) expects an affirmative answer, so we might translate it: "Teacher, you *do* care that we are perishing, right?" Was this the correct way for the disciples to respond? Why or why not? Did they want Him to calm the storm or to take cover?

Why are the disciples still "terrified" even after Jesus calms the storm? (The original Greek describes them even more terrified than when they feared the storm). What other times in the Bible can you think of when people were overwhelmed by a display of God's power?

Sometimes storms may continue in our lives, even after prayer. One quote from the sermon: "To be still doesn't mean that the storm is no longer all around you, it means that the storm is no longer within you. The storms may still rage, but you know in whom you are placing your trust." Discuss.

4. Discuss the 2 challenges presented to us regarding knowing God & making Him known.

i) If you really wanted to get closer to God, what would that look like?

ii) What new ways can you think of to connect with people so they too can discover about God's love?