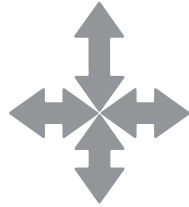




## GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of July 14th

This study is designed to help your community group grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are three dimensions to following Jesus.



**UP:** growing in relationship with God

**IN:** growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

**OUT:** growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission

### Get Started:

Describe a time when you got caught in a storm or rough weather such as a hailstorm, hurricane, etc.



### **UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word**

Read aloud the passage for the week: Luke 8:22-25. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note words or phrases that seem meaningful. Pray for your study of God's Word.

1. Imagine yourself in the shoes of one of the disciples. What would it have been like to experience this series of events?
2. Reread verse 25. Again, if you were one of the disciples, what would have been going through your mind when Jesus asked this?
3. Describe a time when you have not turned to Jesus in the midst of a challenging situation or a season of "unknown." What was that like? Were you aware that you were turning from God? How did you manage that situation?
4. Describe a time when you have turned to Jesus during one of life's storms. What was different about this experience from the previous situation you described?
5. What does it look like to turn to Jesus when the storms of life come? Are there spiritual disciplines or other practices that accompany this?
6. Reread verse 25. Jesus has calmed the storm so why do you think the disciples are still afraid?
7. How does the question in verse 25 challenge you to grow in your knowledge of Christ's Kingdom?



### **IN: Connect with Each Other**

Are there any storms or worries in life (large or small) you are struggling with right now? How can the group come alongside you at this time to help point you toward Jesus?



### **Out: Connect with the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)**

Many of our neighbors, friends, family, and co-workers don't know Jesus. They are attempting to navigate the various storms of life on their own. Pray together as a group and encourage each person in the group to lift up the name of one person in their life who doesn't yet know Jesus.