

Pass The Mic



Leader Conversation Guide – Unexpected Storms

Main Idea

Storms are an unavoidable part of life. Some arrive with warning, while others appear suddenly and leave us wondering where God is in the middle of the chaos. Yet Scripture reminds us that following Jesus doesn't exempt us from storms—it assures us that we never face them alone. The disciples encountered one of the fiercest storms of their lives while doing exactly what Jesus had asked them to do.

In Matthew 8, Jesus calmed both the storm around His disciples and the fear within them. Their greatest need wasn't simply calmer seas—it was greater faith in the One who was with them. As we discuss this week's message, we'll explore how God uses unexpected storms to strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and help us see our circumstances from His perspective.

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JOHN 14:27

Make it Practical:

Follow Jesus, not the crowd.

- Faith begins with trusting Jesus, but spiritual growth comes through following Him daily.
- Matthew 8:23; Matthew 16:24

2. See storms as opportunities for growth.

- Storms have purpose. God uses trials to build perseverance, maturity, and stronger faith.
- James 1:2–4; Matthew 8:24

3. Choose faith over fear.

- Peace comes from the presence of Jesus, and faith learns to trust His perspective even before circumstances change.
- John 14:27; Matthew 8:26

Talk About It

Can you think of a season when an unexpected challenge ended up strengthening your faith? What did God teach you through it?

Why do you think our first response in difficult circumstances is often fear instead of faith? What helps you shift your focus back to Jesus?

What would it look like for us to encourage one another to trust God during life's storms instead of trying to face them alone?

Peace is not the absence of fear.
Peace is the presence of Jesus.

Prayer

Father, thank You that You never leave us in the middle of life's storms. Help us to trust You when we don't understand what You're doing. Grow our faith, replace our fear with Your peace, and teach us to see every circumstance through Your perspective. May we follow You faithfully, knowing that Your presence is always enough. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Next Steps

Spend time this week thanking God for His presence instead of only asking Him to change your circumstances.

Memorize John 14:27 and meditate on it whenever anxiety or fear begins to rise.

Share with someone in your Group how God has used a past storm to strengthen your faith, encouraging others to trust Him in their own journey.