

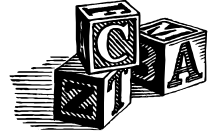
Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

## "What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Our God Reigns - One Year Later" (Mark 4:35-41)

**Basic Ideas** from Mark 4:35-41.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know that God is in control and the events of life are in His hand and under His plan. They are expressions of His love, mercy, grace, and kindness.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to live in light of Him and to understand your circumstances by what you know to be true.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in Him. The Holy Spirit invites you today to make a simple gesture of submission to the loving hand of God by affirming His control and saying that He is enough no matter what and He is all you need in the absence of everything else.



**Basic Question** from Mark 4:35-41.

1. Do you believe what God is saying?
2. Do you have a faith that cancels or crowds out fear?
3. They questioned whether or not God really cares. Have you ever been there? Have you ever been brought to the place where you wondered if God really cared? Have you ever been there? Have you ever been brought to the house of why? Why is this happening to me? Have you ever seen the blackness of doubt? Have you ever tasted the emptiness of unbelief?
4. What we confess casually in the light we must cling to desperately in the night.
5. We come here gladly (for the most part) on Sunday Mornings and listen to the unfolding of God's Word. But this study is not the test as to whether or not you heard what was taught. After church, when you go your way, that will determine how well you believe what Jesus is saying.
6. Will WBC face more storms? Will we go through hard times? What is God trying to teach us? Where does our focus need to be? Most storms are a matter of perspective. From whose vantage point are we viewing the storms of life: God or mans?

The **Basic Application** from Mark 4:30-34.

1. Learn to know who God is in a practical, relational manner. This will only happen by spending time with Him.
2. Learn to see your circumstances through God's eyes and not yours. If you live by sight, you will struggle. You must learn to live by faith.
3. Right now acknowledge God in your storm.
4. Learn the promises of God and believe that nothing will fail of all that He has promised.
5. Perhaps your life is buffeted, filled and covered by life's trials. Right now, you need to see the control of God and the compassion of God. Jesus Christ our Lord is Master of all circumstances and sufficient for every emergency. Have faith in God and fear will leave.
6. Divorce, death, physical ailments, child rearing, job change, and unemployment, how deep is the water in your boat? Friend, God is in control and He really cares. Come to Him now and find His rest.
7. What does this parable cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?