

STORMS

SERMON TEXT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2020

INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Watch the complete worship service & children's program online at northview.org || Subscribe to **Northview Community Church** on YouTube to receive posting notifications
- **Food Bank Volunteers** are needed to deliver food, sort food in the warehouse, and provide schools with meal programs || To get involved, email Matt at matt.loewen@archway.ca
- **Fundraiser Opportunity** || Email Paul at pfunk@meischools.com for a "Porch Portrait". He'll send you the portrait in exchange for a one-time donation to Archway Community Services, the Foodbank, or a local charity of your choice.
- **Volunteers Needed** || The Gospel & Our Cities Conference is coming to Vancouver on October 6-7! Speakers will include Dr. Tim Keller, Neil Powell, Dennae Pierre, and Dr. Jeff Bucknam on the topic of church-to-church collaboration for the sake of the Gospel, church-planting, and multiplication. To volunteer, sign up at thegospelandourcities.ca/volunteer
- **Need prayer?** Email requestprayer@northview.org to submit a request to our prayer team

KEEP MEETING TOGETHER - BUT ONLINE!

In the days ahead, we want to encourage you to 'not neglect meeting together' (Hebrews 10:25) even if we cannot physically gather. Our Community Department has shared some great resources which give instructions on how to connect people online. You can access this information at the link below:

How to Host a Community Group Online

It provides step-by-step directions for setting up groups via Google Hangouts and Facebook Messenger, as well as guidelines for Online Etiquette.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Content:** Pray for our pastors as they study the Word in order to preach it faithfully to our congregation. Pray that their time in the Word would be rich for their own walk with Christ and that we would be blessed as we receive it weekend after weekend.
- **Connect:** Pray for all of our Community Groups, including your own, that God would strengthen our relationships with one another and that He would give us great joy in meeting together as much as we're able to.
- **Care:** Pray for those who struggle with tension among their families. Pray for an extra measure of peace and patience for those who have difficulty with their children, spouse, or other family members.
- **Commission:** Pray for God to bless our church body with creativity in finding new ways to invite our friends and neighbours into hearing the message of the gospel. Continue to pray for boldness as the opportunities arise.

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OBSERVATION

This section is aimed at helping people observe the details of the text: what is written, what words or ideas are repeated and emphasized, the text's structure and how this text fits into the wider context of the book.

1. Read Matthew 14:22-33.
2. What does Jesus make the disciples and the crowds do?
3. While Jesus is praying in the evening, what is happening to the disciples in the boats?
4. How does Jesus come to the disciples, and how do they respond?
5. What does Jesus say to His disciples?
6. What is Peter's response to seeing and hearing Jesus?
7. What does Jesus say to Peter?
8. In light of what they've witnessed, how do those in the boat respond?

INTERPRETATION

This section is aimed at linking the current text to other texts or to the bigger biblical narrative. If you are running out of time, feel free to skip this section.

1. Look back at Mark 4:35-41.
 - a) How do the disciples respond to Jesus' power over the storm?
 - b) As we look at Matthew 14:22-33, how has their understanding grown?

2. Read Job 9:1-10.
 - a) How does Job describe God in these verses?
 - b) How does Jesus correspond to these descriptions (especially in v8)?
 - c) In light of this, how do the events in Matthew 14 help the disciples grow in their knowledge of who Jesus is?

APPLICATION

This section is aimed at helping people apply what we have read in the text to our lives. It is intended to foster more open-ended discussion as people connect the text to their everyday life, and reflect on how it changes the way they think and act.

1. When Peter sees the wind and the waves around him, he is afraid and begins to sink.
 - a) What is your default response to being in the midst of storms?
 - b) What does your response to being in the midst of storms reveal about your faith?
 - c) Jesus chastises Peter for his doubt. Are you prone to doubting?
2. From this text, we see that storms can help us have a better understanding of who God is.
 - a) How has God used the storms in your life to help you better know Him?
 - b) How does our understanding of who Jesus is give us hope in the midst of the storms?
3. Read John 16:33. Jesus says and does things so that His disciples will have peace.
 - a) How does knowing Jesus does not abandon us in storms help you to persevere in the midst of them?
 - b) How does knowing our earthly experience will consist of trouble help us keep our expectations in check?

Read Romans 8:28.

How does knowing God will work all things (including troubles and storms) for the good of those who love Him give you hope?