

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- Describe your most memorable road trip while growing up or as an adult. What was so special about this trip?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Mark 4:35-41, 5:1, and 6:45-55.

These passages describe two journeys that Jesus and His disciples made successfully across the sea.

- What season of life are you currently in?
- Is God beginning something new, is He in the midst of working, or did He just complete something for you? Explain.
- How often do you ask God, "Are we there yet?" What place are you hoping for God to take you?
- Why is it so important that we "stay in the boat" when God is in the middle of doing something in our lives?
- What is the most frustrating part of being "in the meantime" when you are waiting on God to do something?
- How have you seen God at work when you have been in the midst of the meantime?
- What storms of life are you currently enduring?
- What are some of the things you have learned from the storms you have encountered?
- What things can you do to keep yourself motivated to "stay in the boat" when waiting for God to finish something?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you to "stay in the boat" in the midst of what God's doing in your life:

Pastor Judah said one of the best ways to "stay in the boat" is to simply be close to Jesus because the more you are around Jesus, the more significant He becomes. This week take time to focus on developing a deeper relationship with Christ. Draw nearer to Him by spending additional time in prayer. Also, spend more time in His Word. You can access some great Bible reading plans on YouVersion at <http://www.youversion.com/reading-plans/all>.

If you are waiting on God to finish something in your life or are currently enduring storms, take time to talk to someone that can be an encouragement to you. Share with them what you're going through and allow God to speak words of encouragement through them. Many times we can learn and be encouraged by the experiences of others.

Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for all of the journeys He has taken you on. Thank Him for the things you have learned from your journeys.
- Confess to God those areas of life where you are having a hard time staying in the boat. Seek His comfort and guidance.
- Share with God the storms of life that you are currently enduring. Seek His comfort to help you endure.
- Commit to God that you will do the things necessary to create a deeper relationship with Him.
- Commit to God that you will stay in the boat no matter what storms occur. Ask Him to help keep you firmly anchored.

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