



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Life Group
Discussion
Guide

Week 4

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Teaching Summary: In both the storm on the sea and the moment when Jesus welcomes children, we see a powerful truth about the kingdom of God: the presence of Christ replaces fear with trust. The disciples panic in the storm even though Jesus is with them, while the children come to him with simple confidence. Jesus reveals that faith is not rooted in control or strength but in trusting his presence. Perfect love drives out fear, and when we trust Christ, we are freed to love others courageously. This love allows us to forgive, to give sacrificially, and to bear witness to Christ even when it feels risky. In a fearful world, followers of Jesus are invited to live with fearless love because Christ is with us.

Conversation Starter: What is something that used to scare you when you were younger but doesn't anymore? What changed?

Prayer: Lord Jesus,

You are present with us in every storm. As we open your Word together, quiet our fears and help us trust in your love. Teach us to live with courage so that we can love others the way you love us.

Amen.

Read Scripture together: Mark 4:35-41, Mark 10:13-16

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

1. In Mark 4:35–41, what do you notice about the disciples' reaction to the storm compared to Jesus' response?
2. In Mark 10:13–16, how do the children approach Jesus, and how is their attitude different from the disciples in the storm?
3. Why do you think Jesus asks the disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” What might he be teaching them about fear and trust?
4. How does the image of childlike faith help us understand what it means to trust Jesus in difficult situations?
5. Fear often prevents us from loving others well. What are some ways fear can hold people back from forgiving, giving generously, or sharing their faith?
6. Where might God be inviting you to practice “fearless love” right now—perhaps through reconciliation, generosity, or speaking about your faith?
7. How can remembering Christ's presence in our lives help us respond differently when we face anxiety or uncertainty?

Deeper Dive: Scripture teaches that “perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). How does Christ's sacrificial love, especially revealed at the cross, free believers from fear and enable them to live courageously in the world?

Memory Verse: Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God...”

Closing Prayer: Lord, thank you for being present with us in every storm. Fill our hearts with your perfect love so that fear no longer controls us. Give us courage this week to forgive, to give, and to share your love with others. Amen.