



Small group discussion questions June 2015

Chapter & verse – Neil Thorogood (p22)

Read Mark 4:35-41, followed by Neil Thorogood's article.

1. If you were to paint a Bible scene from the air, which would you choose, and why?
2. In the second paragraph of "Chapter & verse", Neil notes that the account of Jesus calming the storm comes at the end of a chapter of parables. What connection is there between the message of these parables and the storm story?
3. "Following Jesus is fragile for us," Neil says, in paragraph three. What do you understand by that? How true is it to your own experience?
4. Neil notes, in paragraph four, the surprising fact that Jesus sleeps as the boat is rocked and swamped. What might explain Jesus' sound sleeping?
5. In paragraph five, Neil talks of being "in a storm in a small boat" as an image of incidents in our own lives. Have a think about times when this has been your experience. What comes to mind?
6. The disciples say: "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Would you ever talk to God like that? What is the reason for your answer?
7. In paragraph eight, Neil marks the fact that Jesus does not say: "Don't be afraid." What is the significance of that?
8. In his conclusion, what promise does Neil find in this story? What difference does that promise make to you?

