

**PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION**

- **Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.**
- **Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.**
- **You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.**
- **Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.**

**ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)**

1. **Share your name and answer the following question:**
  - **What is one surprise or unexpected event that has shaped your life?**

**OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)** – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. **Drew shared 3 lessons we learned in 2020: 1. God wasn't surprised. 2. God is in control. 3. Your fear has been and is lying to you.**
  - **Which one of those lessons hit home with you?**
  - **What questions or tensions did those lessons raise for you?**
3. Drew shared that a proper understanding of God will conquer our fear more than anything else.
  - What do you think of that statement?

**DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)** – *ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.*

4. **Read Mark 4:37-41.**
  - **What do you make of the disciple's response in the midst of the storm?**
5. Reread Mark 4:37-38. The disciples asked if Jesus cared.
  - When have you found yourself asking that question?
  - What do you think of Jesus' response to their question?
6. **Reread Mark 4:39-41.**
  - **What are you afraid of right now and how does this passage help you with those fears?**
7. Read John 13:21 (Judas Betrayal) & John 13:37-38 (Peter's Denial).
  - These verses show that Jesus already knows our future actions. Do you find that encouraging or discouraging? Why?
8. Read one or all of these verses about God's control over everything: Colossians 1:16-17, Isaiah 46:9-10, Psalm 115:3, Daniel 2:21.
  - What stands out to you from these passages as we think about current events?
9. **Isaiah 41:40.**
  - **How does the presence of God help us overcome our fear?**

**APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)** – *You may want to discuss this question in prayer time.*

10. **Drew wrapped up this series by asking a personal question. "What has 2020 revealed in you?"**
  - **How would you answer that question?** What lessons did you learn? What changes has God imprinted on your heart?