

Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions
Week of December 4th, 2022
Sermon Series: Homecoming – Jesus Is Here!
Sermon Theme/Title: Peace Is a Promise He Keeps!
Primary Text(s): Mark 4:35-41 and John 14:1 and 27.

Homecoming: Jesus Is Here!

1. Considering our current sermon series, “**Homecoming: Jesus Is Here.**”
 - a. *Talk about a place where you feel most at home?*
 - b. *What makes this place or environment special and lifegiving to you?*
 - c. *Are you going home this Christmas or are your loved ones coming to BC for a homecoming trip to visit you?*

Peace Is a Promise He Keeps

1. Read the following passages:
 - **Isaiah 9:6**
 - **Luke 2:14**
 - **John 14:27**
 - **Ephesians 2:14-18**
 - **Philippians 4:6-9**
 - a. *Unpack your thoughts on how these passages impact your understanding of the biblical understanding of peace.*
2. Read **Mark 4:35-41**. *Discuss the themes that stand out to you from this passage.*
3. Three (3) observations that merge from Mark 4:35-41 that helps us to learn and know how Jesus keeps His promise to gift His followers with His peace are:
 - A. Jesus is a force of calm (Mark 4:37-38A)**
 - i. Jesus embodied a calm demeanor when He and His disciples faced the storm described in Mark 4. *Talk about your experiences with Jesus being a force/source of calm in your life.*
 - ii. Looking at the image below of a “First Century AD Galilean” fishing boat, discovered in 1986, that is believed to be the sort of boat used by Jesus and His disciples, and considering the dimensions of the vessel (27 feet long by 8 feet wide by 4.5 feet high) *how does seeing the image of a boat similar to the one Jesus slept in the*

account recorded in Mark 4 inform or alter your understanding on the measure of calm Jesus demonstrated in the horrific storm?



- iii. *Where do you most sense the need for Jesus' calm to help you have His peace right now in your life?*

B. Jesus is a force of change (Mark 4:38B-39)

- i. *Share with each other a time in your life when Jesus silenced and stilled a difficult "storm" that you have faced.*

- ii. *Honestly speak with each other about how you are doing emotionally, spiritually, physically, and mentally this Christmas season? Would you say that your hearts and minds are experiencing the beauty and wonder of peace in/through Jesus?*

- *If you are in a season where you are not experiencing the peace of Jesus in your life, please take a few moments to pray for Jesus to act as a force of change in your journey to fill you with His gift of peace of heart and mind.*

C. Jesus is a force of care (Mark 4:39-40)

- i. *Recall a moment in your journey when you experienced Jesus' caring nature manifested in your life in a profound way that led to you being made aware of the peace He offers to His people.*

- ii. *The passage reveals to us that Jesus rebuked His disciples for their lack of faith when facing the storm, but before He did so, Jesus showed care for His first followers by ending the storm. Discuss with each other the influence you believe this account should have on the church's approach to sharing the Gospel with the unsaved.*

4. ***Read John 14:1-4.*** *As you close your discussion time together, spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to grow your trust in Jesus, who promises believers His peace as a gift to guard our hearts and minds in seasons of life.*