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- Read *Jonah 1:1-17*. What do you imagine Jonah was hoping to accomplish by fleeing to Tarshish? How would you describe or characterize the LORD’s response?
- What is Jonah’s first response to the storm (1:5)? What is his second response (1:12)? What does each reveal about Jonah’s heart before God? What other alternatives did he have?
- What effect did the storm have upon the sailors? How does their understanding and relationship with the LORD change, particularly in contrast to Jonah?
- What does the LORD’s response to Jonah and the sailors reveal about God’s mercy and God’s ways of working in our lives?
- Read *Matthew 8:23-27*. What parallels do you see between this episode in the life of Jesus and the story of Jonah? How are they different? How do both involve a revealing of the Lord’s identity?
- How have you experienced a “storm” in your life connected to your failure to obey God’s commands? How do you experience the temptation either to “fall asleep” or to surrender to the storm rather than to repent and return to God?
- Where in your life do you currently see evidence of God’s relentless mercy and pursuit of you? How will you respond, and what will you do? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?

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