



Mark 4

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1. In the current global turmoil and uncertainty, what has spiritually challenged you the most? What are you learning? Where and how are your perspectives (e.g., on God, the world, your neighbors, and/or yourself) changing?
2. In this global crisis, are you tempted to doubt God's love and concern for people (e.g., for you, your family, the Church, the world) and/or His omnipotence and authority over all things? If so, why? Read 1 Peter 4:19. What area of your life do you need to more fully entrust to the keeping of our "faithful Creator"? What Scriptures might you pray and meditate on to overcome your doubts and anxious fears and, instead, stand firmly on His truth?
3. Where have you seen evidence of God and His presence and work in the midst of this pandemic? What is bringing you the greatest hope? For example, where has He answered prayers, made His presence known, supplied resources, or brought new opportunities to reflect the beauty of the gospel in and through your life?
4. Faith is awe-filled reverence of God, who is Immanuel ("God with us"). Consider Isaiah 40:21-31, Jeremiah 23:23-24, and Romans 8:39. How does the knowledge that God, the ruler of all creation, is "in the boat with us" change our perspective on these troubling times?
5. Psalm 94:19 states, "*When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul*" (NIV). Read Colossians 1:17 and Hebrews 1:3. How do these truths about Jesus, as well as what we learned from this week's message, give you consolation amid fear and panic? How might you remind yourself and others of these truths throughout the week?
6. Praise God for bringing many people from around the world to join in worship of Him! Read Matthew 5:16. Prayerfully consider the ways in which, this week, you might shine His light and share the good news of the gospel with others. With your group, pray that He makes His truth and eternal life known widely in these uncertain times.
7. How can your group members pray for you in the days ahead? As you close your group time, have someone read Psalm 46 aloud to your group. Then, pray together, using this Psalm as a guide.

