INTRODUCTION
Storms occur in our lives that potentially break us. Though we can’t control the storm, there may have been decisions we made that allowed the storm to become more severe. What can we do in a storm? Why do storms occur? When do they end? Consider this while discussing the following questions:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: The focus for this discussion is knowing that storms occur, but they also pass.

1. Reflect on the happiest moment of your life. What did you enjoy about that time?
2. Have you ever seen someone demonstrate exceptional faith despite their situation? If so, how did that person’s faith impact your own?
3. Describe a time you felt God was not with you in your storm. How did that influence your relationship with Him?
4. Did you have a close friend, or group of friends, who were with you during that storm? What did they do that helped the storm end?
5. Josh said it takes a lot of faith to get out of the boat. It takes a lot of faith to walk toward Jesus in the storm. How can having a small group help in the storm?
6. Read Matthew 14:28 – 29. Why did Peter ask Jesus to walk on water? Why should we ensure that our will aligns with God’s will before making a decision?
7. Peter experienced this storm with 11 witnesses on a boat. Why do you suppose God allows us to experience storms?

THINKING FORWARD
Though we try, some storms are unavoidable. God let Peter experience this storm with witnesses. When a storm passes, we are left with a great testimony or experience to influence someone else’s faith. When you experience your next storm, consider Peter: Have faith to walk toward Jesus, call out his name, and seek support from those who are close to God.

VERSE TO GO
And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” (Matthew 14: 32 – 33)

PRAYER
Close with the following prayer:
“Jesus, as we experience storms, please help us to have enough faith to walk toward you, seek your will and to worship you. Thank you for your provision and protection through each storm we experience.”