

# Shipwrecks and Snakebites

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GENUINE COMMUNITY

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

DEVELOPING SERVANT LEADERS

## MESSAGE RECAP

There is great hope and fear no longer has the final word. Through Jesus' redemptive work a New Creation is breaking out and the powers of evil cannot stop it. Jesus is drawing all things back to Himself; our mishaps, wrong turns, even our shipwrecks and snakebites will be redeemed by Him for His glory. *John 12:32 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."* Therefore nothing can stop the redemptive movement of God through us, His people. God is intentionally involved in our lives for the very purpose that we might come to know the Lord; He is drawing all of Creation back to Himself and He will use every experience, circumstance and trial to do just that.

## GETTING STARTED

1. What is the most dangerous, scary weather situation you have ever been caught in? How did you feel, and what thoughts went through your mind?
2. Is God calling you to a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him? How can this body of believers pray and encourage you to follow His leading?

## GOING DEEPER

1. Preacher Storment stated in the message that when Christianity stays in a place of power and wealth too long the radical message of what it means to be a Jesus follower can become muted or domesticated? How would you describe what a state of domestication looks like?
2. What emotions were stirred when you were told the Celtic Christians likened the Holy Spirit to a wild goose because of the element of mystery and unpredictability in the Spirit's movements?
3. As believers, what truths or reassurances do we know that enable us to overcome fear?

## MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. What is the abyss or storm in your life that has you locked in fear? Now think back to another time when a situation seemed hopeless and God intervened and acted on your behalf? Are you ready to declare your trust in the nature and power of God to redeem this current situation?

## MINISTRY TIME

Intercede for one another that we would be fearless, radical lovers and followers of Jesus. Declare steadfast confidence in God's unwavering love and goodness. A suggested scripture passage for this is *Romans 8:31-39*. Encourage one another with statements of praise and thankfulness for all He has done for you, for your group, and within our church body. End your time with a Psalm (*Psalms 111, 138, or 150*), song, or hymn of praise to Him who is mighty to save.

## TAKING ACTION

**Continue the challenge this week to express gratitude for what the Lord has done for you.** Be intentional about sharing your gratitude with others and ask the Lord for opportunities to speak life into places of despair in someone you know. Fulfill the Scripture, *Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Let us dare to live as radical followers of Jesus.

## JUST FOR LEADERS

### VISION CASTING

Remind your group this week about why Life Groups exist at Beltway Park: to encounter an amazingly loving God and to be transformed by Him. By repeatedly focusing on transformation in the presence of God, you help set the level of expectation within the members of your group.

### CRITICAL DATES & INFORMATION:

- Wednesday, November 16  
DNA Infusion at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, November 30  
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