SCC Small Group Study – March 26, 2023 Dr. Scott Koenigsaecker A GOD OF HOPE Mark 4:35-41

Getting Started:

What are some things you are currently hoping for?
What are some common misconceptions about God which you have heard that might cause someone to lose hope?
Searching the Scriptures:
Read Mark 4:35-41
A. What does the fact that Jesus willingly placed Himself in harm's way in the boat tell us about Him?
B. How should Jesus' presence in the boat changed the disciples' attitude toward the storm? How might knowing that Jesus is with us in the midst of our difficulties strengthen us to face them?
C. Where was Jesus during the storm (v. 38)? What does that tell us about Him?
D. How did the disciples react to finding that Jesus was asleep in the midst of the storm?

E.	Have you ever been tempted to think that God didn't care about you in the midst of your suffering?
F.	How might knowing that the storm didn't worry Jesus give us strength and hope in the midst of trials?
	How might remembering what God did for us through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross help us overcome the temptation to doubt God's love for us?
Application of Scripture:	
A.	What difficult situations and circumstances are you or your family currently facing? How might God be using that situation to strengthen your faith and deepen your relationship with Him?
B.	How might studying God's Word make you more prepared to face the storms of life?
C.	Who do you know that needs to be reminded that God is in control? How might you encourage them to trust Christ in the midst of their difficulties this week?