



a Tapestry of Biblical Themes

WEEK 2 - THE SEA

OVERVIEW

In the ancient imagination the sea represented death, chaos, and destruction. This image of the chaotic sea is picked up on and played with throughout the Bible in many fascinating ways, usually by demonstrating God's mastery over it. God speaks and the sea obeys, God parts the sea for his chosen people to walk through on dry land, God pushes back the chaos of our broken world, etc. It is no surprise, then, that Jesus picks up on this theme as well by demonstrating his own mastery over the chaotic waters of the Sea of Galilee and invites his followers to trust in the order and life that he brings.

*You clothed the earth with floods of water, water that covered even the mountains.
At your command, the water fled; at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away.*
Psalm 104:6-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How important was the sea to ancient people? Why was their perception of the sea different than ours today?
2. How does our God's relationship to the sea compare to the relationship other cultures' gods have with the sea? ([Genesis 1:1-2, 6-7, 9-10](#). [Psalm 104:5-9](#). [Job 41:1-8](#))
3. Because of the world's brokenness, God allows the chaos of the sea to return, but he sends a rainbow as a sign that it won't happen again. [Genesis 9:11](#)
 - a. What examples do the scriptures give of God's power over the sea? ([Exodus 15:8-10](#), [Revelation 21:1-4](#))
4. Read [Matthew 8:23-27](#). What is God's plan for dealing with the chaos of the world?
5. What chaos are you facing in your life right now?
6. Read [Matthew 14:22-33](#).
 - a. Where do you see yourself in this story?
 - b. What encouragement does this passage give you today?
7. How do you deal with the chaos of the world?

TAKE HOME PASSAGE

Read [Psalm 74](#).

How does the thread of the sea appear in this passage?

How does this passage show hope for the Psalmist and hope for you?