

OPEN WATER

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

APRIL 19 | CRAIG REES

Genesis 1:6-8; 3:14-15 • Psalm 74:12-14; 93:3-5 • Job 26:12; 41:1-11 • Romans 6:1-14; 16:20

God rules over the chaos. Trust Him to lead you through it.

1. How has the chaos of COVID-19 impacted you? In answering this question consider the practicalities of the impact as well as the emotional realities of it.
2. In the Old Testament, the imagery of the leviathan (sea serpent/dragon) and the raging sea are symbols or metaphors for the concepts of evil and chaos. Read Psalm 74:12-14, 93:3-5, and Job 41:1-11 alongside Romans 6:1-14. What do you learn from these texts? For example, one lesson is that what was crushed in the sea (serpent) during the Old Testament was covered (sin) in the sinner until the coming of Christ. What else do we learn?
3. Read Mark 4:35-40 in light of the Old Testament actions of God in the sea. Spend time reflecting on the might of God being expressed in the person of Jesus. How has Jesus calmed the storms in your life?
4. The chaos in the world does affect us, but it becomes more powerful when we allow it to destroy our peace. What are the potential access points for allowing chaos to cause angst in you as you navigate COVID-19?
5. What hope does Romans 16:20 give you as you face the struggle identified in the previous question?
6. Biblical Waypoints are markers for decision-making and guidance that God wants us to discover. What verses and principles help you navigate the storms of life?
7. Social distancing should not mean social isolation. In this season God wants us to be strong enough to stand, wise enough to know when we need help, and brave enough to ask for it? Which of these three steps is the hardest for you? Why?