Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: Don't You Care?

What's this message about – Many of us have been personally touched by the storms in south and southeast Texas over the past week. This is not unfamiliar territory for some in that you have lived through events like this in the past. Chances are, we'll all have had a Hurricane Harvey moment in one form or another.

Whether it's personal for us or not, in times like these, we can't help but ask of God: "Don't you care? Where are you?" So how do we make sense of this as people of faith? On what do we base our hope and security as our loved ones fight for their homes and lives? What will be the ark that carries us to safety in the midst of this storm and others like it? The answer, of course, is that Christ will be our peace, our hope, and our shelter in the storm. If Jesus is truly the answer, then the most important question for us, personally, is: "Do we really believe this to be true?"

Questions for discussion:

- What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?
- What does this passage tell us about how Jesus deals with "storms?" (Mark 4:35-41)
- Have there been "storms" in your life where you knew that Jesus was there with you? Share your experience.
- What are some practical things you did that helped you "weather" some of the past "storms" in your life?

Do something about it:

Jesus took human form so that He (God) could demonstrate that His desire is to play a personal, active part in our lives. He wanted us to know that He truly cared. Being fully man and fully God His life demonstrated that one person can make a huge difference in the lives of others. He left us with the responsibility and the privilege of being "his hands and feet" in this storm-filled world. This week, as you assess your current situation or reflect on those struggling around you, consider what you can do to help "calm the storms" in your life and the lives of those around you.

Digging deeper:

Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 6:25-33; 7:24-27; 1 Peter 2:6; Psalm 9:10; Psalm 23 ; Proverbs 3:5-6