



# The Gospel of Mark

**Group Guide:** Week 10, Mark 4:35-5:43

## INTRODUCTION

As the narrative of Jesus continues, Mark gradually reveals more of the magnitude of Jesus' identity. In Mark 4:35-5:43, Jesus is going to demonstrate his power to such a degree that it will leave people in fear and greater amazement than ever before. In this passage, Jesus demonstrates his authority over creation as creator, his power over many demons, and he raises a little girl from the dead. Mark is pressing the boundaries of everyone's conception of Jesus. Step by step, Jesus is showing us that his power, authority and love cannot be bound by anything or anyone outside himself. This account brings to mind a question for the reader, is there anything you think Jesus can't do or any place Jesus won't enter to redeem and heal?

## PRAYER

## READ

Ask two or three people to read Mark 4:35-5:43.

## SUMMARIZE

Ask two group members to summarize in their own words what is happening in this passage.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. After the sea is calm, the disciples learn yet again that Jesus has greater power than they could have ever imagined. There is a reality for all of us that we can never fully grasp the power of God. He can always do more than we can imagine. Paul says this to the Ephesians in his prayer, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us..." (Eph. 3:20). *Share why it is good news for you that God can do more than you can imagine. Share how remembering this could affect you in times of fear and anxiety.*

2. In Mark 4:38 the disciples question whether Jesus cares for them or not. Most of us have had a time or two where we wonder if God cares for

## N.T. FURTHER READING

Matt. 8:18-34, 9:18-25; Luke 8:22-56. Eph. 3:14-21

## O.T. FURTHER READING

Psalms 65, 66

## FURTHER STUDY

As you read write out any words in this passage that would be helpful for you to look up in a dictionary.

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## NOTES

us. *Share a time in a “storm” where you felt like the disciples. A time where you asked the question “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”*

3. Briefly read back through the story of the man with a legion of demons. Now focus on the response of the man after interacting with Jesus in verse 15. The man was “...sitting there, clothed and in his right mind...” Jesus brought peace to a different kind of storm. *Share with the group one area of your heart or life Christ has brought peace, “stilled a storm”.*

4. Jairus’ faith is initially birthed out of sheer distress for his dying child. How must he have felt when, after finally getting the Teacher to come and see to his daughter, another woman diverts Jesus’ attention and delays healing for his child? Time was certainly of the essence. *Share a time when you felt as though the Lord’s timing was moving far too slowly?*

5. Jesus was willing to turn to the woman with malady all the while perfectly aware of the gravity of the situation at Jairus’ home. *What is one way you could be encouraged to trust in Him during tribulation when it seems as though time is slipping away?*

6. In the passage of Jairus’ daughter and the woman with a discharge of blood, we see an individual with a name, important social standing, and status next to another individual with no name and no place in society both falling down before Jesus for healing. Jesus responds with compassion and care for both individuals. *What classes or groups of people do you struggle to believe that Jesus can restore? What types of sins, illnesses, or circumstances do you struggle to trust Jesus will heal?*

### RESPONSE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Personal:* Discuss one area in your life where you would like to grow in trusting Christ’s power. Discuss how as a group you can graciously keep each other accountable to trust and believe in the power of Christ.

*Church:* In regards to service this Sunday discuss one way you would like to respond or grow in serving the members and attenders of our church.

*World:* Who are the outcasts of today’s society? Who do we have a tendency of keeping at arm's length? How might we follow the example of Jesus and reach out and minister to them?

### PRAY TOGETHER

### SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION:

Mark 5:35-36

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