

6-WEEK STUDY ON JESUS THE KING

WEEK 3

“A Powerful King”

Mark 4:35-41

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Mark 4:35-41

Secondary texts from this week: Philippians 2: 9-11, Genesis 1:2, Job 38:34-35, Jonah 1:4-16, Psalm 65:5-7, Psalm 89:9, Psalm 107:29

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To understand what Mark is telling us about Jesus' identity

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Pastor Doug opened his sermon with a story about jumping off the high dive. Do you remember jumping off the high dive for the first time? What was your experience like?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. At the beginning of this week's sermon, Pastor Doug asked an interesting question: he asked if fear is a good thing or a bad thing. How would you answer that question and why?
2. Have groups members look up each of the following verses:

Genesis 1:2, Job 38:34-35, Psalm 65:5-7, Psalm 89:9, Psalm 107:29

What do these verses tell us about God's power? Of all the miracles Jesus performed, why do you think that Mark chooses to include the story of Jesus calming the storm?

3. Have everyone in the group look up Jonah 1:1-16 . What similarities and differences do you notice between this story and the story we read in Mark 4? Do you think the similarities are coincidental or intentional? What do you think Mark may be trying to call our attention to by organizing the story this way?
4. Max Lucado once wrote, "when fear shapes our lives, safety becomes our god. And when safety becomes our god, we worship a risk-free life." Do you agree with this statement? Explain.
5. Tim Keller writes these words in his book, *Jesus the King*: "...by [calming the storm], Jesus is demonstrating, 'I am not just someone who *has* power; I am power *itself*. Anyone and anything in the whole universe that has any power has it on loan from Me.'" How does that statement make you feel when you hear it? How does it impact how you view a current storm?
6. Pastor Doug called attention to the fact that we have all experienced situations that have left us questioning God and wondering if He really cares. Would anyone be willing to share a time in your life where you have questioned God's goodness and compassion? How did you get through that experience?

PRAY

Pray for each other: Pray that the people in your group will be able to trust that Jesus is King and that He does care.

Pray for yourself: Ask the Lord to help you fully trust Jesus even in the storms of your life.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

ACTION STEPS

Action Step: Every time you feel the wind this week, stop and pray these words: *Jesus, I believe that you are King. And I believe that You care. Help me to trust You even when I'm in the storm.*

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