

WEEK 4: WEEK OF MARCH 15

The closer people got to Jesus, the more their life was changed. Every encounter Jesus had with people impacted them. We are going to look at a series of encounters Jesus had through the gospel of Mark...and how they made a difference.

- 1. What part of this week's message stood out most with you?
- 2. Think about a time you or your family faced a difficult trial. Are you generally more mindful of God in the midst of trials or during peaceful times?
- 3. Read Mark 4:35-41. Where was Jesus during the storm (v. 38)? What does that tell us about Him?
- 4. How did the disciples react to finding that Jesus was asleep in the midst of the storm? Have you ever been tempted to think that God didn't care about you in the midst of your suffering?
- 5. How should Jesus' presence in the boat changed the disciples' attitude toward the storm? How might knowing that Jesus is with us in the midst of our difficulties strengthen us to face them?
- 6. What is significant about the manner in which Jesus calmed the storm (v. 39)?
- 7. How did Jesus' disciples respond to this miracle (v. 41)? Why do you think they responded that way? How does Jesus make it possible for us to approach God without fear?
- 8. What difficult situations and circumstances are you or your family currently facing? How can remembering that God is in control give us comfort?
- 9. In light of fear and uncertainty of the Coronavirus pandemic, how should our faith shape our response? How should our understanding of Jesus impact the way we live?
- 10. What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?

NEXT STEPS:

- If you have not taken the step of baptism, you will have and opportunity on March 29th. You can sign up here: <u>https://movementfindlay.com/baptism</u>
- Continue to engage in the Encounter Daily Journey. How can you support each other on this journey?
- You can go further into understanding the Gospel of Mark using this resource: <u>https://</u> <u>thebibleproject.com/explore/mark/</u>