



Warm up question:

- When you are afraid, what do you do?

Read Mark 4:35-41

1. Earlier in Mark's Gospel the disciples have seen Jesus heal many people and drive out impure spirits, and they have just heard what the kingdom of God is like. So why are the disciples so afraid in this passage?
2. What do the disciples presume is going to happen?
3. In verse 38, what does the disciples' question to Jesus show us?
4. In verse 40 Jesus asked the disciples some questions. What do his questions indicate, and how do the disciples respond?
5. What does this passage teach us about how our faith should affect our fears?

Read Mark 5:1-20

6. How does this passage compare or contrast with the storm passage in Mark 4:35-41?
7. Why do you think the man with a demon ran to Jesus? What did he see in Jesus that maybe others could not?
8. What does Jesus say/do/command?
9. How does the man with a demon respond to Jesus and why?
10. Why do you think people "began to plead with Jesus to leave their region"?
11. What do these two passages reveal about Jesus' identity and character?

Rubber hits the road:

- What fears or demons are you currently wrestling with in your life?
- How can Jesus deliver you from your fears?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that nothing is more powerful than you – even the wind and the waves obey your voice. And so, I thank you that you are bigger than my fears and anxieties. As I face life's ups and downs, please help me to remember the times you have rescued me, so that I might find rest in your strength. I continue to come under your protection and provision. Thank you that you are with me no matter how much the storm is raging around me. You are truly a good God. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

