

## ***Kingdom Rising***

### **“Who Do We Have Here?”**

#### **GETTING STARTED**

ICE BREAKER: Which did you prefer in school: lecture or lab? Why?

KEY THOUGHT: ***Don't let fear cancel faith***

#### **GETTING THE POINT**

Read Mark 4:35-41

1. What is on “the other side” of the lake? (*Hint: see Mark 5:20.*)
2. Point out some similarities between this scene and Jonah 1. Point out some differences.
3. What three questions are in this passage? (Counting Jesus' two questions as one.) How does Jesus' question directly counter the first question of the disciples?
4. What similarities do you see between verse 39 and Mark 1:24-26? What is the significance of these similarities?
5. What is surprising about the disciples' response in verse 41?

#### **GETTING DEEPER**

Read Mark 1:14-15

1. In what way is Jesus bringing the Kingdom of God by crossing the Sea of Galilee?
2. What layers of meaning are included in the word “believe” here in verse 15?

#### **GETTING PERSONAL**

1. How likely are you to stay calm in a storm, knowing that Jesus has power over the chaos?
2. Do you justify fears in your life? How?
3. When have you allowed fear to “drive the bus” and overshadow your faith?
4. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you see yourself “on mission” with Jesus in reaching outsiders? What could help you to be more “on mission”?
5. Tell about a difficult “lab session” God has taken you through to grow your faith. What did you learn?
6. How do you know that Jesus did not give up on His followers for their lack of faith in Mark's narrative? What reassurance do you take from this?

#### **PRAY...**

*that we will trust Jesus fully, as He is worthy to be trusted.*