

Jesus the King- week 5

November 12, 2017

Mark 4:35-5:43

Warming Up

1. If your group has chosen an OBF missionary to pray for, introduce them to the group by sharing a little of the profile the missions team prepared. If your group does not have a missionary yet, chat with Brian Woodruff or Derek Whalen.
2. Share with the group something God has done in your life over the past month to remind you of his power, or his care and concern for you.

Knowing the Gospel...

3. In chp. 5:19-20, Mark describes the work that Jesus had done both as the “Lord’s” work and as “Jesus” work. What does this seem to indicate about Jesus? Why do you think in the story of the demon possessed man, (5:1-20) Jesus instructed him to go and tell others what had been done for him and yet in 5:43 he instructs people NOT to share with others what he had done?
4. In the storm episode, (4:35-41) how was the disciples’ reaction to the storm appropriate? How was it not appropriate? What kinds of things did they still need to learn about Jesus? How do we see both Jesus’ humanity and his deity in this episode? How would Jesus ultimately answer their question by the end of the book of Mark? (Matt. 6:25-34, Phil. 4:6-7, John 15:9-13, Rom. 5:8)
5. In the demon possessed man episode, (5:1-20) once again we see Jesus’ authority and power over Satan. How do we see Satan’s desire to kill and destroy in other parts of the Bible? (Jn. 10:10, John 13:17, 1 Peter 5:8, John 8:44, Heb. 2:14) Where do we see Satan active in our world today to kill and destroy? Where and how do we see Jesus’ authority/victory over Satan? (Gen. 3:15, Matthew 4:1-11, Romans 16:20, Col. 2:13-15, Heb. 2:14, Rev. 20:7-10).

Living the Gospel...

6. In the episodes we looked at this week, what were the different responses to Jesus of the following people: the disciples in the storm, the demon possessed man, people who witnessed the healed man, Jairus, the woman who touched Jesus' garment, people at Jairus' house. Can you see yourself in any of those people's responses? Do you ever respond to Him with fear, skepticism, questioning his care and concern, questioning his power, wanting to be with him more?

7. If Jesus were walking on earth today and you had the opportunity to accompany him while he did miracles, do you think your response to him would be any different than the disciples response? Why or Why not? Do you think your faith in him would be any different than it is today? In what circumstances in your life does your faith show itself to be weak and in need of strength (Mark 9:24)? From whom can you ask for prayer in this area of your life?

8. The demon possessed man in Mark 1:23-27 was freed from his demonic oppression. Discuss with your group how you have experienced the grace and power of God in your life to be set free from sin(s). (Gal. 5:1, Acts 13:38-39, Rom. 6:22, Luke 4:18, Rom. 8:1-4, Is. 61:1). How have you seen God's power victorious in your own life? How are you different now than 5 yrs. Ago? 3 yrs. Ago? 1 yr. Ago?

For college students:

- What is the most significant thing you've learned about Jesus' power, nature, and person so far in this study of Mark? How has it impacted your life?
- How do you see Satan "having his way" on the campus of Miami? In your dorm/house? How can you pray for Christ to rule in a greater way?
- Have you ever been skeptical of God's/Jesus' care and concern for you? If so, when? What are some helpful things to do when you doubt the character of God?

Telling the Gospel...

10. How would you explain to a non-christian that being a Christian is more than just following a set of rules? How would you explain the difference between a genuine desire for righteousness and just following rules?

11. Spend some time praying for people in your lives who don't yet know Christ.