

Discussion Questions

Mark 4:35-6:13

Read Mark 4:35-41

- 1. How does Jesus show His authority and power in this passage?
- 2. How do the disciples respond? (In faith or in fear?) Why do they respond this way?

Read Mark 5:1-20

- 3. How does Jesus show His authority and power in this passage?
- 4. Who responds in fear? What does that look like?
- 5. Who responds in faith? What does that look like?

Read Mark 5:21-43

- 6. How does Jesus show His authority and power in this passage?
- 7. These stories are told together because the middle story clarifies the outside story. In this case, the woman's response stands as an example for Jairus to follow. Both the woman and Jairus must decide to respond in fear or in faith. Which do they choose? What does that look like?
- 8. How do you respond to Jesus' authority in your life? Is there any way that you respond to Him in fear? How can you follow Jesus' words in v 36, "Do not fear, only believe"?

Read Mark 6:1-6

- 9. Why did the people of Nazareth take offence at Jesus?
- 10. The greek word for "take offence" literally means "to stumble over". This word shows up a lot in Mark, and is usually translated "fall away". What are some reasons people stumble over/take offence at/fall away from Jesus? What are some parts of Christianity and the gospel that you find difficult?
- 11. Do you find it scary or hard to share the gospel with others knowing that they might take offence and stumble over Jesus? What other reasons is it hard to share the gospel?

Read Mark 6:7-13

- 12. After this discouragement, Jesus didn't withdraw from telling people about His gospel. What did He do instead? How does this serve as an encouragement or a challenge when we're afraid to share the gospel?
- 13. What are some of the instructions Jesus gave the disciples? What do they mean?
- 14. Verse 12 says that the disciples preached that people should repent. What does that mean?

- 15. Is that call to repentance a part of the message you share when you tell people about the gospel? Should it be? Why or why not?
- 16. Have you shared the full gospel with someone lately? Is there someone you want to share the gospel with? How can you make opportunities to do so?

Pray for each other for boldness to share the gospel and that God would work in people's hearts so that they will receive it and be saved.