Kingdom Come Midpoint

A study for Community Groups to use the week of November 8th

To prepare for your group discussion each week**,** group members should use the **Series Guide** below along with the foundational questions we ask each week.

Mark 4:35-41

Overview

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

Icebreaker Question of the Week
"Throughout Kingdom Come we want to be intentional about creating space for deeper reflection and meaningful conversations. These weekly icebreakers are designed to connect with the themes of Kingdom Come, while also providing an example question that could be used outside the group to engage with neighbors, coworkers, or others in a way that can bridge a conversation making way to spiritual truths. Here's this week's question.

Week 4 - Life doesn't always go the way we expect. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations that feel overwhelming, uncertain, or completely outside of our control. In Mark 4, the disciples find themselves in a literal storm, but we all experience different kinds of storms in life. When have you ever felt like you were in the middle of a furious storm? What did you do?

Questions

*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

1. Jesus asks, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed?" (Mark 4:21). What does this illustration teach us about how Jesus wants His work in our lives to impact the people around us? What might keep us from letting others see that?

2. In Mark 4:26–29, the farmer plants the seed, but it grows without him fully understanding how. What does this teach us about the difference between our responsibility and God's role in bringing growth? Why can it be difficult to trust God with outcomes we can't control?

3. Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed that starts small but grows large enough to provide shelter for birds. What does this tell us about how God can use seemingly ordinary things to make a difference? Who is someone in your everyday life you could intentionally connect with, invite into your home, or show hospitality to this week?