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. In Mark 4:35–38, the disciples follow Jesus into a storm and ask, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" (Mark 4:38). What does their response reveal about how fear can affect our view of Jesus? Why do you think difficult circumstances can cause us to question whether God cares?

2. After calming the storm, Jesus asks, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (Mark 4:40). What does Jesus' response teach us about the relationship between fear and faith? How can we recognize when fear is influencing our decisions more than our trust in Jesus?

3. In Mark 4:41, the disciples ask, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" They eventually reach the other side in Mark 5:1, just as Jesus intended. How does understanding who Jesus is change the way we approach uncertainty? What's one area of your life where fear or uncertainty might be keeping you from taking a step of faith?