Encountering Jesus through the Gospel of Mark

Week 7: Jesus Sees Us…Do We See Him?

Hi Small Group Leaders,
Jesus is back on the Sea of Galilee! Once again the storm is rising, but this time he's not immediately in the boat with the disciples, but seeing them from afar and then walking out to them on the water. That's right, *on* the water. He sees them in the storm, comes to them, and helps them in their time of need. Do we know that Jesus sees us? He comes to us? He helps us in our storms? Well, we hope that as you gather in your Small Group this week you experience him doing just that!

I. Catch Up (15 mins)

- Play a game, have fun, share some food, or catch up together

II. Dig In

- If you didn't review last week, take some time to review this week!
- Review (10 mins)
    - We've been in the 'Marked' series for four months now. What has been most impactful for you? What about Jesus has stood out to you? How has it changed the way you live or think?
    - If you want to watch a video summary of the book of Mark, check out this website: https://thebibleproject.com/all-videos/
        - Search for the one on 'The Gospel of Mark'. It's very well done!

- Seek Understanding
    - Read Mark 6:45-56
        - What stands out to you in the passage? What questions arise for you?
        - Why does Jesus send his disciples ahead of him in the boat?
        - How did Jesus see them from the land? Why is this significant?
        - What significance does Jesus walking on the water have?
            - Remembering Jesus' words "It is I" could also be translated, "I Am", read Ps. 77:1, 16, and 19 and Job 9:8.
        - Why would Mark emphasize in v. 52 that the disciples' hearts were still hardened?

- Apply
    - What storms are you experiencing in life?
        - Share the one that came up for you on Sunday when Scott led us in prayer if you are willing.
    - What might Jesus be calling you to release control of at this point in life?

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    - As Scott led us to picture Jesus in these areas of our lives on Sunday, was there any comfort in that? Anything Jesus spoke to you?
    - What would it look like for you to join in our church-wide fast from control?
    - What comfort is there for you in the truth that God sees you?

- Pray
    - Pray prayers of letting go of unhealthy striving or control in specific areas of your lives. Pray God's truth for one another in those areas. If there's a verse you want to share with someone, share it with them!
- Upcoming Events
    - Kingdom Come: A Night of Worship & Prayer…coming up again on Monday March 12 from 7-8:30pm (coffee at 6:30). Instead of meeting in a home this week, consider joining for prayer and worship. All ages are encouraged to join!