

Main Idea: Jesus is with us in the storms of life and wants us to know that he is for all people.

Connecting

What's the biggest (literal) storm you've ever experienced?

Understanding

Read Mark 4:35-41. How do you think this experience changed the disciples' understanding of Jesus?

Read Mark 5:1-13. What do you think this demon-possessed man's life was like? What about this man would make him seem "unredeemable" to Mark's original audience?

Read Mark 5:14-20. Why do you think the people were afraid? Why didn't Jesus let the man who had been possessed come with him? What was the man's response?

How does Mark use these two accounts to expand our understanding of Jesus?

Living

Has there ever been a time when you, like the disciples, were scared or anxious even though you knew God was with you? Is there anything in your life *right now* that feels like a storm?

What helps you focus on Jesus in the midst of the wind and waves of life?

Are there people in your life you think of as "too far gone"? Have you ever thought of *yourself* as being "too far gone"?

Have you ever tried sharing any of your spiritual story with anyone? What keeps you from doing that more?

Pray for people in your life by name who don't know Christ.

Next Week: Mark 5: 21- 6:6