

GETTING STARTED

¹What are you afraid of? Describe a time where you were particularly afraid—a roller coaster, a close encounter with a spider. How did you respond in that situation?

This week we're going to see how Jesus navigates the fear of his followers.

WE WANT TO:

- Know with confidence that Jesus is present with us in every circumstance.
- Feel gratitude for the transformation God has brought about in our lives.
- Face our fears with the faith that God is our refuge.

READ

Mark 4:35–5:43

WATCH: THE GOSPEL OF MARK SESSION 5 ▶

DISCUSS

²Put yourself in the shoes of the disciples. What do you think it would have been like to experience the storm now that you've seen the sea itself? Why?

³Think of a time where a situation or set of circumstances left you feeling afraid. In the midst of that fear, what did your perspective of God look like?

⁴Have you ever felt beyond Jesus's reach? How did the story of Jesus healing Jairus's daughter impact you?

⁵With both the story of Jesus's power over nature and demons and the story of his gentleness with Jairus's daughter in mind, how would you describe Jesus's character?

Spend the next few minutes praying for each other. Ask God to open your eyes to his true nature. Ask him to point out and remove the false beliefs you have about who he is and what he wants to do in your life. And then thank him that he is with you in the midst of the storm.

CONCLUDE

Jesus loves his people. He's strong enough to protect us from harm, and powerful enough to rescue us from what seems like unreachable places. No one's too far gone for him to reach.

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