

A Study of the Gospel of Mark
Week 5: Mark 5 | Oct. 5/6, 2013

**Imitating Jesus, Part I:
Fishing with Navy Seals**



Mark continues the record of a remarkable day in the life of Jesus in chapter 5. After Jesus stills a storm at the end of chapter 4, we see His authority and might as He deals with overpowering evil, heals debilitating sickness, and raises from the dead. And we see Him honor the simple faith of those who come to Him.

Healing of a Demon-Possessed Man | Read Mark 5:1-20

[Q] In the description of the demon-possessed man, what is emphasized?

[Q] Notice the people's reaction to what happened in verses 15-17. What is their real problem with Jesus?

[Q] The man who was healed wants to travel with Jesus, but Jesus sends him home to tell his family about the grace and mercy he has been given (verses 18-19). Why do we often find it hardest to speak with our families about Jesus? What has been your experience?

Apply

[Q] Do you have a family member who needs to hear of God's grace and mercy? If so, will you pray for an opportunity to speak to him or her? Share that person's name with the group so they can pray along with you.

A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman | Read Mark 5:21-34

In Mark 5:21-43, two stories are woven together – Jairus' daughter and the woman with a hemorrhage.

[Q] Jairus is a religious leader, yet he is powerless to save his daughter. What does he expect from Jesus? What does he get?

[Q] The woman with bleeding was also powerless and beyond the help of anyone else. Jesus commends her for her faith in verse 34. What ways, other than physically, was the woman healed?

Jesus now receives some bad news.

Read Mark 5:35-43.

Jesus knew Jairus would be devastated and in verse 36 advised him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

[Q] What faith had Jairus already demonstrated to Jesus? (verses 22-24)

[Q] What do you make of the fact that Jesus raised the girl from the dead, yet asked her parents to give her something to eat?

Apply

[Q] Have you ever been in a situation when you were desperate for God to intervene and He did? Please describe, if possible.

[Q] Have you had a desperate time (past or present) when it seemed like God was not working? Please explain.

[Q] Jesus has complete authority and power over everything, including killer storms, overpowering evil, debilitating sickness and even death. Which one of these big fears concerns you most? How are you doing with trusting Him?

[Q] If you do trust Him, how does it affect the way you face troubles?

Faith

Faith is not an end in itself. Faith does not mean forcing a certain outcome.

Faith means trusting that Jesus will do the right thing, and continuing to trust He has done the right thing even after people get sick or die or the bank repossesses your house.

Faith is not about you; rather, it is centered on Jesus.

Hebrews 11:1
Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 12:2a
Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith

Pray
