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Study Questions
The Good News About Jesus According to Mark
Getting a Grasp on God
Mark 4:35-5:43
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Opening Discussion

1. What has most contributed to your knowledge and understanding of God? Why?
2. What keeps you motivated to grow in your knowledge and understanding of God?

Bible Study

1. Read Mark 4:35-41.
 - a. Are you surprised by the disciples' response to Jesus during the storm? Why or why not?
 - b. In verses 38 and 41, the disciples ask two questions. What do you think these questions reveal about the disciples' understanding of Jesus?
 - c. How do you typically react towards God in a sudden crisis?
 - d. What do you think your typical reaction in a crisis says about your knowledge and understanding of God?
2. Read Mark 5:1-20.
 - a. Are you surprised that the people of the region implored Jesus to leave? Why or why not? Why do you think they wanted Jesus to leave?
 - b. Are there times you would like to push Jesus away? If so, when are those times?
 - c. In Mark 5:15, are you surprised by the response of the healed demoniac? Why or why not?
 - d. What keeps you from proclaiming all that Jesus has done for you?
3. Read Mark 5:21-43.
 - a. Are you surprised that the hemorrhaging woman was healed, in spite of her superstitious theology in Mark 5:28? Why or why not? Since Jesus is all-knowing, in Mark 5:30, why did He ask, "Who touched My garments?"

- b. What possible costs did Jairus incur, when he threw himself at Jesus' feet in Mark 5:22?
- c. In verse 40, why do you think the people laughed at Jesus? How do you respond when you witness such an attitude toward Jesus?
- d. Desperate need drew the demoniac, the hemorrhaging woman and Jairus to Jesus. What are the needs that draw you to Jesus? In what ways do you try to deny or ignore your needs? Why do you think it is so tempting to ignore or deny our needs?

Application

1. Are you growing in your knowledge and understanding of the person and character of Jesus Christ? If not, what do you need to do in order to grow in your understanding of His person and character?
2. Have you thanked God for the needs in your life? Have you allowed God to use those needs to draw you to Himself?
3. Are you allowing the desire for material gain to get in the way of your pursuit of God? If so, what steps do you need to take in order to let go of this desire?