



SERMON GUIDES

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The King and the Cross - Power | WEEK #2

01.

INTRODUCTION

Read Mark 4:35-41 and consider the following statement as you discuss further; By stopping the power of the storm, Jesus shows His divine power and His ability to create peace in nature and also, in the human heart. His disciples were amazed at His authority, what about you?

02.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. That day, serves to tie this episode in verses 35-41 closely to the preceding section on parables. Following his teaching, will the disciples understand Jesus clearly?
 - a. Are we like the disciples in the Gospel story in that we too struggle with understanding Jesus fully?
2. Take the time to write down what questions you have about Jesus and his ability to exercise power in your life to bring about salvation to you and those you love.
 - a. For those willing and able to share a question, ask yourselves how this week's sermon helps you answer that specific question?
3. Back to our Gospel story, read Psalm 65:5-7 and ask do you believe the disciples fail to perceive Jesus' true identity?
 - a. Why?
 - b. Do we struggle with this as well?
4. During the sermon a quote from Pastor Tim Keller was used about reaching for a branch as an object of your faith?
 - a. Who did the branch represent?
5. Do we struggle in our faith to reach out to Jesus or do we only reach out when we are going through a storm?



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6. Do we think God is sleeping while we or others are going through storms in our lives?
 - a. If not, then why are we afraid?
 - b. If so, then what do you need to do to improve your faith walk or get help in doing so?
7. It was stated during the sermon that we generally fear storms, but not Jesus' power that quiets storms? Why?
8. Pastor Gordon said, Jesus was saying – someday I will calm all storms.
 - a. How did Jesus accomplish this?
 - b. Do you believe in the power of the cross?
 - How do you explain what the power of the cross means?
9. For groups that have the time read Revelation 21:1-4, then ask yourselves, do these verses help us understand the awesome POWER of God?



NEXT STEPS

1. Read the gospel of Mark.
2. Who or what is your king?