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Tuesday Bible Study

Week 5

Mark 4:35-6:13

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1. We often use storms as a metaphor for difficulty or disruption in our lives. What are some parallels between a literal storm and the “stormy” periods in life?
 - a. How have you responded to storms in life? Does the disciples’ response to the storm (Mark 4:38) resonate with you? Why or why not?

2. Bonus: The Greek words translated “great windstorm” in Mark 4:37 could also be translated “great whirlwind.” What are other places in scripture where wind is mentioned?

3. The disciples are filled with awe and wonder at Jesus (Mark 4:41). Is there a time that you have had a similar response to something you have seen, something God has done for you, or some other encounter?
 - a. Why do you think we don’t feel awe more often? What sorts of things distract, worry, or blind us?

4. What sort of emotion or energy does Mark's description of the Gerasene demoniac (Mark 5:1-20) evoke for you?

5. What do you make of the response of the people to Jesus in Mark 4:16-17? What are some reasons they might act this way?

6. Read Mark 5:21-43. What similarities are there between the two healing narratives? How are they different? List as many similarities between the people involved, and Jesus's response to them as you can find.

7. Why do you think Jesus says that prophets are without honor in their hometown? What is it about Jesus or the people in Nazareth (Mark 6:1-6) that make it difficult for them to accept him?
 - a. Does the response of Jesus' community resonate with any experiences you have had in your life?

 - b. Have you ever found yourself dismissing God (or other people) because He/they did not match your internal expectations? How did God open your eyes?