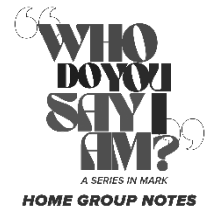


## Home Group Community Notes

Week of February 8, 2026

Mark 4:35-5:43



### IMAGINE THIS

You are living in Capernaum in 31 A.D. You are committed to your family, working in the wheat fields, and attending the local synagogue every sabbath. You are trying to survive the Roman oppression by keeping your head down and paying their exorbitant taxes.

Now, word on the street is rolling through the neighborhoods about a man from your own county who has been teaching about the nearness of the Kingdom of God, has cast out demons, has healed people, and said that he can forgive sin.

How might you respond to what you are hearing? What might you think, do, or feel?

### READ AND DISCUSS THE PASSAGE

The author, Mark, has been revealing the responses of various people and groups to Jesus' actions. The crowds are flocking to him, amazed at His teaching and His miracles. The religious authorities are growing in opposition and are already planning to discredit and destroy Him. The disciples (Jesus' main audience), are following Him and observing all that He is doing and teaching.

The focus of these early chapters is on the identity and authority of Jesus the Christ (the Messiah). Read our passage (4:35-5:43) and consider the following questions.

What happens in this passage? What might this demonstrate to people?

How do these actions compare to the previous chapters? (Consider each story)

Who is the audience in each story? How did they respond?

What instruction does Jesus give to each audience? What might each of them learn and feel about Jesus?

What was Jesus' aim for the people in these stories?

What is the author (Mark) revealing to us today about Jesus?

### **WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE TODAY?**

Who, in these four stories, can you relate to? What do you think or feel as you consider Jesus' actions and words?

What was Jesus addressing or aiming at in His disciples at that time? What does He want us to address in our lives as His disciples today? How might this happen?

How does Jesus respond differently to each audience? What do we learn about Jesus' ways of making disciples from these four stories?

### **RESPONDING TO JESUS MIRACLES**

As you read these stories, it is obvious that the author (Mark) chose four stories where Jesus is demonstrating His authority and identity. What might He want you / us to learn from each story? Jesus asked the disciples two powerful questions: "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" What is His instruction to you today?