



## READ MARK 4:35-5:43

### Pursue

- In the midst of the storm, Jesus' disciples ask, "Do you care that we are perishing?" This is a question we often ask when faced with suffering or trial, whether because of our own sin, the sin of another against us, or simply the suffering of living in a broken world.
  - In your recent history (the last month), are there ways you have questioned God's care for you? Share with your group.
  - How does seeing Jesus send the disciples into the storm he will later calm help you understand suffering and God's hand in it?
- Jesus answers the disciple's question, "Do you care that we are perishing?" fully with three miracles that display his perfect care for the greater perishing His people are facing, an internal and eternal perishing due to sin. Jesus wields his power and authority in compassion for his people to display his future victory over the power of darkness, sin, and death.
  - In what ways does seeing Jesus' power and authority over the domain of darkness, pictured in the story of Legion, embolden and strengthen your faith in Christ and fight against the schemes of the enemy?
    - PLEASE CHECK OUT THE "PRACTICE" SECTION FOR DEEPER QUESTIONS & APPLICATIONS FOR THIS SECTION.
  - How does seeing Jesus' power and authority over sin, pictured in the story of His compassion towards the woman with a bleeding issue, embolden and strengthen your faith in Christ and the fight against your flesh and sin?
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  - How does seeing Jesus' power and authority over death, pictured in the story of His compassion towards the young girl who has died, embolden and strengthen your faith in Christ and your hope of future glory?
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### Practice

- **Gospel Fluency Exercise:** *(It might help people be vulnerable and honest if you break into pairs or smaller groups.)*
  - In the "pursue" section of our guide, we discussed the powerful and complete work of Christ to care for our perishing. We saw that Jesus wields his power and authority in compassion for his people to display his future victory over the power of darkness, sin, and death. Let's practice gospel fluency when considering his work in these three areas.
  - **Have each group member choose an area of suffering or sin they have experienced or been convicted about recently.**
    - **The Domain of Darkness:** What lies of the enemy are you tempted to believe in this situation? How does Christ's victory over the domain of darkness seen in the story of Legion equip and encourage you to confront these lies and trust in Christ?
      - Pray against the schemes and lies of the enemy for one another in light of the victory over the domain of darkness we have in Christ!

- **Sin:** How does Christ's victory over the power of sin, seen in the story of a woman with bleeding, equip and encourage you to put your sin to death? What do you think it would look like for you to look more like Jesus in this circumstance? What do you think repentance and accountability with community look like for you?
  - Pray for one another, asking the Spirit to grant true repentance and joyful obedience in light of the victory over the power of sin we have in Christ!
- **Death:** How does Christ's victory over death, seen in the story of Jarius' daughter, equip and encourage you to put your hope in the finished work of Christ and future glory?
  - Pray for one another, asking the Spirit to remind you of the finished work of Christ and his coming glory that your hope might abound in this circumstance.

## **Proclaim**

- At the beginning of this series, we encouraged people to choose one person this semester that they would pray for and share with. Encourage group members in this relationship. What is something you learned, was convicted of, or encouraged by that you will share this week with that person who doesn't have faith in Jesus?