

Extra Notes:

How to Begin a Relationship with God

To begin a personal relationship with God, please consider these four fundamental truths from the Bible:

- (1) God loves you and wants you to enjoy a forever relationship with Him. (John 3:16)
- (2) Failure to live up to God's standard of holy perfection (sin) has resulted in separation from God that will last forever for everyone who does not believe. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- (3) To solve the problem of sin that separates you from God, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for your sin by dying on the cross. (1 Peter 3:18)
- (4) Everyone who makes a personal decision to trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior from sin receives forgiveness from sin and enters God's forever family. (John 1:12)

If you want to make the decision today to begin a relationship with God, you can express your faith in Christ by personally praying the following:

"Father, thank You for loving me and wanting a relationship with me. I admit that I have sinned and that I need a Savior. I believe that Your Son, Jesus, died on the cross to pay for my sins. I trust Jesus alone as my Savior. Thank You for making me part of your family."

If you made a decision today to trust in Jesus as your Savior, let us know by indicating on the communication card OR by telling a pastor or elder. We want the opportunity to rejoice with you and help you take your first steps in this new relationship.



Mark 4:35-41

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- What's it mean?

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Mark 5:1-20

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- What's it matter?

Conclusion:

Jesus is the _____ authority.

Personal Study

(1) In Mark 4:38 the disciples ask Jesus, "do you care?" Why do you think they asked Jesus this question? _____

(2) Read John 1:1-4. What does this reveal to us about who Jesus is and how does this relate to Mark 4:35-41? _____

(3) In both Mark 4:41 and Mark 5:15 we see that people's reaction to Jesus was fear. Why were both groups afraid of Jesus? _____

(4) Read Jesus' questions to the disciples in Mark 4:40. Why does he ask them these questions? _____

(5) What does Mark 5:1-20 reveal about Jesus' authority? Why does this matter? _____

(6) In Mark 5:19-20 what does Jesus tell the man who has been healed to do? Why is this unique in the book of Mark? What is the man's response? _____

(7) What message is Mark trying to convey in these passages about who Jesus is? _____

Personal Application

(1) When do you normally find yourself asking Jesus for help? Why? _____

(2) What are you trying to control in your own life? How can you submit to Jesus' authority? _____

(3) What has Jesus done in your life that you can marvel about? _____

(4) Have you ever prayed, "Do you even care, God?" Why? What is Jesus' response? _____

(5) Pretend Jesus asked you, "Why are you so afraid?" What would your answer be? _____

(6) What has Jesus done in your life that you need to go and share with others? With whom do you need to share this? _____

(7) If Jesus is the ultimate authority, how does this help you view problems or tough situations in life? _____
