

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

JESUS IS KING

# CLOSER LOOK 6.28.25

**Speaker: Joe Champion**

**Scripture:** 1 Tim 4:1, 1 Cor 15:9–10, John 9:4, Acts 17:6, Eph 5:15–16, Mark 4:35, Psalm 84:6–7, Eph 4:10–13, 1 John 3:8, Eph 4:14, Mark 4:36, Mark 4:37-41, 1 Kings 19:12

**Ice Breaker:** If you had to describe your life right now as a type of boat ride — a peaceful pontoon cruise, a wild whitewater rafting trip, or something stuck in dry dock getting repairs — what would it be, and why?

## Notes

1. We will all have our storms!
2. We will all have our meltdowns!
3. We will all make it by Faith! Hebrews 11:27, 1 Peter 1:8-9
4. Faith in his faithfulness!
5. Faith in his power and authority!
6. Faith in Him to finish what he has started!
7. Faith in his ways! Psalm 50:19-21
8. Faith in his grace and love! Psalm 59:22-23

## What's Coming Up

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## Questions

1. Pastor Joe pointed out that Jesus didn't say "you go," he said "let us go" — and the storm came even while they were obeying him. Have you ever found yourself in a hard season even though you were trying to follow God's direction? How did that challenge or shape your understanding of why storms happen?
2. The disciples panicked while Jesus slept peacefully in the middle of the storm. Pastor Joe described this as God's "sovereignty of silence" — being just as real and in control even when he feels distant or quiet. Have you experienced a time when God seemed silent? How did you respond, and what helped you keep trusting him in that silence?
3. Pastor Joe said the disciples didn't need another sermon — they needed an experience that would stretch their faith to a new level. Is there a truth about God that you "knew" intellectually for a long time before you truly experienced it for yourself? What changed?
4. Referencing Psalm 50, Pastor Joe warned against speaking evil, accusing God, or complaining when we're in difficulty — and instead encouraged offering thanksgiving even in hard seasons. Is it easier for you to express trust and gratitude during a storm, or to vent and question God? What would it look like this week to bring him praise even in the middle of something hard you're facing?

## Prayer

*Jesus, thank you that you are with us in our storms. Help us to trust you when there is silence, knowing that you are sovereign and always present. Help us to see where our faith needs to grow. Amen.*