

JESUS IS KING

THE GOSPEL OF MARK PART ONE

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WARM UP QUESTION: How is meeting and getting to know someone different when they are your neighbor vs. someone you met online?

READ: Mark 4:1-34

FOCUS: *Growth happens as we are hearing and receiving God's Word and being fruitful because we are close to King Jesus.*

OBSERVE:

- Spiritual growth happens as we are hearing and receiving God's Word. The parable of the sower teaches us that we can only grow spiritually if we receive the Gospel/God's Word in our hearts with faith.
- Spiritual growth also happens as we bear fruit. Bearing fruit means that God's goodness, wisdom and power (aspects of His attributes as the King of the universe) are influencing and permeating our own lives as well as our families, friends, coworkers and community.
- Spiritual Growth happens as we are close to Jesus. We cannot receive God's Word and bear fruit if we don't live a life intimately close to Jesus.

REFLECT:

- Have you received the Gospel in your heart with faith? Are there weeds or shallow roots that could prevent spiritual growth in your life?
- What does bearing fruit look like in your life?

TAKE ACTION:

- Deepen the roots of the Gospel in your life through Life groups, Growth Track, Purple Book classes or Freedom classes.
- Find ways to prioritize being near Jesus in your schedule.

PRAY:

Lord Jesus, help me to continue to receive Your Word with faith and have deeper biblical roots in my life. Holy Spirit, help me to remove the weeds in my life that would choke out Your Word. Use me to help others receive Your Gospel in faith as well. Help me to live a fruitful life and one that is constantly in close proximity with You, Jesus. Amen.