

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 6/5/22

DISCUSSION:

Mark 4:1-20

This passage drew us to see how we need a Jesus who is not just a good teacher, but a Savior. We need someone who can do more than tell us to change. We need someone who can actually change us. But as the parable of this passage illustrates, hearing that doesn't always sit well with us. Many times hearing that we both need change and need Jesus to change us is something we reject outright or only partially adopt. Let's talk about how can lean into having Jesus as the savior who changes us, not just the teacher who points out where we need to change.

- A. What was new, challenging or interesting to you in learning more through this parable about how Jesus is a Savior, not just a teacher?
- B. In what areas of your life do you find it hard to to acknowledge that real change for you is actually out of your hands and in God's hands (i.e., a relationship; how you use your words or your body; how you use your money; work or school)?
 1. *What's encouraging about knowing that you don't have to be ready/in control, in order for God to change your life?*
- C. Gal. 5:22-23 says the fruit of the Spirit (a.k.a., what the gospel produces in us when it gets into our lives – it's 'harvest') is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Which of these might God be opening you up to having more of in your life?
 1. *What specific area of life (relationships, work, school, using your phone, etc.) would you want that "love joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" to have a tangible impact on? (Be specific if you can, it will help you grow!)*
 2. *What particular moments (or kinds of moments) in your day/week will you need God's help to grow into that fruit of the Spirit?*
 3. *How would life be different about you because you have more of that one particular fruit of the Spirit? What might God be bringing you to through this?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our Adult Ed class on the Ecclesial Architecture is **meeting in-person in the social hall** on Sundays at 9am. There will still be a Zoom option for those who would prefer to watch online.
- Save the Date: **CTK Women's Ministry has planned** a short hike at [Breakheart Reservation](#) on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00AM. More details to come.