

# GROWTH GUIDE

FOR YOU. YOUR FAMILY. YOUR GROUP.

## Gospel of Mark Surviving the Storm

For the week of **January 29, 2017**

*Apply today's message throughout the week by utilizing this Growth Guide individually, with your family, or in your group.*

Full message available at [myharvest.church/watch](http://myharvest.church/watch)

**GOAL:** This week we see how God allows our trials to help point us to Jesus.

### GET GOING:

**1.** How do people typically respond to God when they're going through hard times? Write down a few thoughts.

**2.** In this weekend's message we learned five reasons why we don't need to fear. Which reason brings you the most comfort, and why? Can you think of any other reasons why we don't need to fear?

**3.** Pastor Ron shared several things that happen in the midst of "storms" in our lives. Which have you witnessed others experiencing? Which have you personally experienced? How did this impact you?

### BONUS THOUGHT:

The Sea of Galilee is an important setting in the New Testament and is mentioned 53 times in the Gospel accounts alone.

### KEEP GROWING

**4.** As we learned this weekend, there are storms of circumstance, and storms of consequence. In light of this weekend's message, how would you describe the difference between the two? Which kind of storm are you most familiar with, and where was God during those times in your life?

**5.** Jesus' power over nature is frequently a metaphor to demonstrate his power over the spiritual realm. He also teaches in parables by using earthly things to teach spiritual principles. Read Mark 4:26-29 when Jesus shares a parable that uses farming to teach about His Kingdom.

- What is our involvement in this parable? What is God's involvement? How is this passage related to Jesus calming the storm?
- Just as Jesus has power over nature, He has power over the spiritual realm as well. How can you trust God more in this area?
- Jesus is in total control, yet He desires to involve us in His mission. Despite the changing weather conditions in our own lives, how is God calling you to further His mission?

### BONUS CHALLENGE:

#### Memorize Psalm 34:19

God's Word says we are to write His truths on the tablet of our hearts (Proverbs 3:3). Memorize Psalm 34:19 from this weekend's message.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

