

**This Week's Text:** Mark 5:21-43 – The Powerful Comforter

**Next Week's Text:** Mark 6:1-32 – The Powerful Commissioner

### **I. Jesus Cares for All Kinds of People (vs 21-27)**

- They Differed in Their Name
- They Differed in Their Position
- They Differed in Their Knowledge
- They Differed in Their Problem
- Their Common Ground – Desperation

### **II. Jesus Challenges All Kinds of Pride (vs 28-32)**

- Pridefully, Bernice Sought Jesus Help Privately
- Pridefully, Jairus Sought Jesus Help Publicly

### **III. Jesus Comforts All Kinds of Pain (vs 33-43)**

- Jesus Comforted Her Private Pain
  - Jesus' Comfort Overcame Her Private Doubt
  - Jesus' Comfort Overcame Her Private Pride
  - Jesus' Comfort Overcame Her Painful Loss
- Jesus Comforts His Public Pain
  - Jesus' Comfort Overcame His Public Doubt
  - Jesus' Comfort Overcame His Public Pride
  - Jesus' Comfort Overcame His Painful Loss

### **Corporate Reading Guide:**

This week in Mark 4-8 look for Old Testament quotations and allusions – which ones stand out to you by helping you understand the point Mark is making with his reference?

- A quotation will be marked off in the text, like 4:12 when Jesus quotes Isaiah.
- An allusion is some non-explicit reference, like all the similarities between Jesus and Jonah as they slept in the storm.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What impacted you or what did you learn from this week's sermon?
2. What impacted you or what did you learn from this week's reading?
3. Do you have any questions that came to mind from this week's sermon or reading?
4. How does Jesus care for such different people encourage us in our faith and our trials? How does it challenge us?
5. How can a prideful view of others impact our response to our struggles and trials? How does faith in Christ's comfort help us strive for humility in desperation?
6. In what ways do our prayers, our actions, our thinking reflect that we may have a prideful view of Christ?
7. Jairus was challenged to persevere through his faith in the face of faithless friends, mocking mourners, and crushing circumstances. But through it all, Jesus walked with Jairus through those temptations and trials. How have you seen Jesus walk with you through your trials and encourage your faith?
8. Is there a time in your life when "trembling and astonishment" has seized you? A time when you understood, in a new and deeper way, who God is and how He loves you?