

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
The Concealed and Terrifying King – Mark 4-5

1. What have we learned about this man Jesus in chapters 1-3?

Read Mark 4:1-9.

2. What has verse 9 to do with the story Jesus has just told?

Read Mark 4:10-20.

3. What's the secret that's been given to the disciples?

4. In verse 12 Jesus quotes Isaiah 6:9. What does this verse mean in Isaiah? How is it relevant here?

5. How have you seen Satan 'take the word away'? v15

6. Have you had trials or persecution which threatened to cause you to fall away? v17

7. What are the cares of the world and the things that most threaten you as a Christian? Why in this example does Jesus not say 'fall away' but instead, 'prove unfruitful'? Is there a difference?

Read Mark 4:21-34.

8. In these three parables, what are we to learn about the Kingdom of God?

Read Mark 4:35-43.

9. Why are people afraid of the storm, the demon possessed man and the death of a daughter?

10. Why are the people afraid of Jesus after each of these stories?

11. Were the people right to be afraid of Jesus? Should we be afraid of Jesus? Why/Why not? (this might be a messy answer!)

12. What does chapter 5 tell us about the secret from chapter 4? (particularly 4:11)

13. What do you need to be less afraid of?