

First Things First – Week 1 – July 19, 2026
“Knowing Jesus”
Mark 4:35-41

1. Pastor Todd shared that the foundation of knowing Jesus is recognizing that He is more than a great teacher—He is God Himself.
 - How would you explain to someone why believing Jesus is God is central to the Christian faith?
 - How does that truth shape the way you relate to Him?
2. In Mark 4, the disciples asked, "Who then is this?" after Jesus calmed the storm.
 - What have you learned about Jesus through the "storms" you've experienced in your own life?
 - Has there been a time when a difficult season deepened your understanding of who He is?
3. Jesus responded to His disciples' fear by asking, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
 - What's the difference between believing that Jesus exists and actively trusting Him?
 - Where is God currently inviting you to grow in faith?
4. The sermon reminded us that faith doesn't mean Jesus will prevent every storm, but that He is with us through them.
 - When you're facing uncertainty, what are you most tempted to trust instead of Jesus?
 - How can your small group encourage one another to trust Him more deeply?
5. Pastor Todd reminded us that it's okay to say, "I want to grow to know Jesus more."
 - What is one practical step you can take this week to grow in your relationship with Jesus?
 - How can your small group encourage you in that step?