MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 2 – WHO IS THIS MAN?

[1]Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge.

– Mark 4:1

[35]That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." [36]Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. [37]A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. [38]Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

[39]He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

[40]He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

[41]They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

– Mark 4:35-41

NOT SAFE…BUT HE IS GOOD _____

_____ can only _____ where _____ are free to _____

The _____ of our _____ reveals the _____ of our faith

Jesus can be _____ because he is the _____—_____ King

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. How do you feel when you hear God being described as not safe but good?
2. Why does a growing faith require the possibility of storms?
3. Tell of a time that a storm in your life has strengthened your faith.
4. How might the focus of your fear reveal the direction of your faith?
5. Why do so many people expect God to make their life trouble-free?
6. How can this perspective set your life up for disappointment?
7. What does the response of the storm tell us about Jesus' authority?
8. How might a belief in Jesus as the all-powerful King build our trust in him?
9. How can you view challenges and difficulties in your life differently when you see them as opportunities for growing your faith?
10. What are some ways that this message might challenge your perspective of Jesus? What needs to change in your life as a result?