

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

May 13, 2017

Treasuring Jesus: Face to Face with Trouble and Evil

Text: Luke 8.22-39

Looking into the Text:

1. How do we see Jesus' humanity and divinity displayed (8.22-25; Psalm 89.8-9)? If Jesus needed rest how important is it for us to get rest?
2. Why does Jesus ask the disciples, *Where is your faith* (8.25)?
3. What area was Jesus in when He got to those (8.26)? What was the culture like? Who does he meet and what condition is this man in and what influence does the demons have over him (8.36-31)?
4. How is Jesus' power and authority over the demons seen (8.32-33)? What is the significance of Jesus sending the demons into the pigs?
5. Why were the people in the town afraid and why did they want Jesus to leave (8.34-37)?
6. How is the man changed, especially in contrast to what he was like (8.35-36; 38-39)?

Looking Deeper:

1. How do we respond when unexpected troubles come? What keeps us from going to Jesus first?
2. What opens people up to demonic possession and influence? How is the nonbeliever impacted and the believer?
3. Ultimately what do we learn about Jesus in this passage?
4. What do we learn from the man's changed life? What are two immediate fruits we see from him?

PRAY:

1. Pray for the group that we would trust in Jesus daily through the troubles and battle in life.
2. Pray that our church body would trust Jesus and not open our lives up to the influence of the enemy.

Do: Whatever trouble you are facing right now take it to Jesus. If this means going to another believer for help do that too. Don't wait. Next, model the man who is changed this week and seek to obey and tell others about Jesus and all the great things God has done for you.