

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 8:22-39

Ice Breaker: Who is the most famous person you have ever met?

Ice Breaker: What was the highest and lowest point of this past week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 8:22-25:** What is the context of this passage? What has Jesus been doing and where is he going? What do you know about the Sea of Galilee and where is it located?
2. What are some key words or ideas that stick out to you in this passage? What impression is left after reading this account?
3. Luke uses quick, short descriptions when detailing the event that took place. What might be his purpose for doing that? What emphasis could Luke be drawing by doing this?
4. What is the main point of this story? Why is Luke telling us this? How does this shape our faith?
5. Why does the popular phrase “Jesus takes away the storms of your life” come from this verse? Why is this a poor application of this passage (both theologically and how it misses the main point of this passage)? Why is “Jesus calms your heart in the storms” a better application?
6. How might you (correctly) apply Jesus’ power to calm storms to your life? What does it mean to be protected by Jesus (No trials? No suffering? No death?)? How does Jesus protect you when storms come? How can we trust that Jesus will be with us when storms do come (what promises can we hold to?)?
7. What is the response to Jesus calming the storm? Why and how does Psalm 107:23-30 help us better understand this response?
8. **Read or Summarize Luke 8:26-39:** How does this passage answer the question “Who is Jesus?” What is the significance of the “legion” in the man? Why is the response in verse 28 ironic compared to the disciple’s response in verse 25?
9. What is the response to Jesus’ miracle with the demons? What is the negative response and how does Jesus’ response to those people (leaving the town) act as a warning to us?
10. What is the man’s response to Jesus’ miracle? Why does Jesus send him away? How does that act as an encouragement to us?
11. How do these two miracles inform and instruct your understanding of who Jesus is? How does this impact your trust in Jesus?