

Cultivate Gospel of Luke Study
Lesson Seventeen

Read and meditate on Luke Chapter 8 this week
and prayerfully answer the following questions before Tuesday's class.

As we start this particular section of Luke, we will understand that Jesus was taking the disciples through a series of events to prepare them for what would become the church.

Jesus needed to teach the disciples the authority He had (Authority that only God could have) over different areas of creation.

The Natural Realm (weather)

The demonic Realm

Over Sickness and Death

8:22-25 Authority over the Natural Realm

So, Jesus got into the boat and told the boys to cross over to the other side of the lake.

What do we think the disciples were expecting? Don't forget that these men were fishermen who did this for a living. They would have known what the lake was capable of and when not to be on it. All of the gospel reports of this storm were that it was swift and strong.

Read the same account in Mark 4:35-41 that has a little more color. Verse 38 reads "And yet Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and "said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?""

1. What were the men expecting from Jesus when they woke him up?

2. Why were the men surprised that Jesus could calm the waters and the wind?

3. Are there times in your own walk that Jesus could question your lack of faith in who He is?

Wiersbe said, “faith must be tested before it can be trusted.”

“The disciples looked around and saw danger, and looked within and saw fear, but they failed to look up by faith and see God. Faith and fear cannot dwell together in the same heart.”

Numbers 13:1 *“Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2“Send out men for yourself to spy out the land of Canaan, **which I am going to give the sons of Israel**; you shall send a man from each of their fathers’ tribes, every one a leader among them.””*

Read Numbers 13:17- 14:11.

The faith of Joshua and Caleb could not convince the people over the fear exhibited by the other 10 spies. Their fear had big consequences for the entire nation. Their lack of faith kept them out of the Promised Land.

4. Name other times in Scripture that someone’s faith was tested. How did they handle it? What lesson can you learn from their experience?

Wiersbe also said, “Satan does not care how much Bible truth we learn so long as we do not live it.”

Verses 22-39 **Authority Over the Demonic Realm**

In Mark 5:6 it states that the man ran up and bowed (worship stance) to Jesus. What a sight that must have been for others to witness.

Write James 2:19

David Guzik, "This is the most detailed description of a demon possessed man we have in the Bible. It is the classic profile of demonic possession."

Have you ever encountered someone who you feel may have been possessed? _____

5. How might modern medicine diagnose a person who is possessed?

6. Is it possible for a Christian to be possessed by a demon? Explain

What does 1John 4:4 state?

7. List some Scripture that describes the weapons that Christians have available against demonic powers.

In verses 31,32 We see the demons begging for permission to enter the swine versus being cast into the abyss and Jesus grants that wish.

8. What do we have to worry about then, if the demonic world is subject to God and has to seek permission? What are your thoughts on this truth?

Verses 40-56 **Authority Over Sickness and Death**

A woman touches Jesus' cloak and is healed.

9. Why did she think just touching Him would do the trick?

This is how Matthew 9:20-21 describes the scene: "And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind Him, and touched the border of His cloak; for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His cloak, I will get well."

So, we can perhaps get a better picture of what is happening, let's look at the typical Jewish Priest's clothing.

These men would wear an inner garment, called a tunic – very light.

Then an outer garment worn over the tunic called a prayer shawl.

At the corners of this prayer shawl were tied knots or tassels.

The tassels were knotted 5 times to represent the Torah or the first 5 books of the Old Testament – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Woven within that was a single blue thread to remind them that they were a nation of priests.

Malachi 4:2 “But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and frolic like calves from the stall.”

Malachi 4:2 speaks of the Messiah having the power of healing in His wings. The same word used for wings is also used to describe this tassel.

Verse 44-

David Guzik notes, “According to the thinking of the day, when this unclean woman touched Jesus, it would make *Him* unclean. But because of the nature of Jesus and the power of God, that isn’t how it worked. When she touched His garment Jesus wasn’t made unclean, the woman was made whole. When we come to Jesus with our sin and lay it upon Him it doesn’t make Him a sinner, but it makes us clean.”

10. The bleeding woman interrupted Jesus as He was headed to Jairus’ house. What was the result of that? Did God have a purpose in that delay?

David Guzik- “**He (Jairus) was a ruler of the synagogue:** *The ruler of the synagogue was somewhat like a modern pastor. He managed both the spiritual and the business affairs of the synagogue.*”

11. Jesus took Peter, James and John into Jairus’ house with Him. When else were these three chosen to be with Jesus during important events?

Verse 56 states that her parents were astonished at her spirit returning.

12. Can you have faith and be astonished at the same time?

And a final thought from Mr. Wiersbe-

“When Jesus returned to Capernaum, the people welcomed Him, particularly a man and a woman who each had heavy burdens to share with Jesus. The contrast here is interesting, for it shows the variety of people who came to Jesus for help. The man’s name is given (Jairus), but the woman is anonymous. Jairus was a wealthy leading citizen, but the woman was a lowly person who had spent all her money trying to get well. Here was a man interceding for his child and a woman hoping to get help for herself, and both came to the feet of Jesus. Jairus had been blessed with twelve years of joy with his daughter, and now might lose her, while the woman had experienced twelve years of misery because of her affliction, and now she was hoping to get well.”

“for “EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.””

Romans 10:13

“And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

Revelation 5:9