

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
*For the Week of April 23, 2023*

**Sermon Information:**

Responding to Jesus  
Matthew 8:18-34

The Hard Calling

The Storm Calmed

The Demons Cast Out

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some of the different ways that people in our culture respond to Jesus? Do you ever forget that we must respond to Jesus on a daily basis?
2. Read Matthew 8:19-22. Why does Jesus respond in the ways that he does? What wrong perspectives is he pushing back on? Do you ever find yourself falling into these wrong perspectives?
3. Discuss the contrast of Jesus being asleep in the storm with the disciples fearing for their lives. How can having Jesus in your boat give you peace in the midst of the storms of life?
4. How does knowing Jesus has authority over demons and the devil give you comfort? How can you be reminded to see both the physical and spiritual this week?
5. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. Discuss how this passage relates to the stories that we read in Matthew 8? How can you apply Peter's instructions this week?