

ENCOUNTERS

WITH THE POWER OF GOD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | LUKE 8:22-25

1. Discuss thunderstorms. Do you love them or hate them? Why or why not?
2. Can you think of any times in your life when doing the right thing (obeying God) led you into a storm? Share that story.
3. Can you think of any times in your life when doing the right thing (obeying God) led you out of a storm? Share that story.
4. When we experience storms in our life we often want to be reminded that God is sovereign and in authority over all. Why does God's authority over all bring comfort in these seasons? Why do you think we reject/resent that authority at other times?
5. It's common, when a person is experiencing a storm of life, for others to encourage them by saying, "Everything happens for a reason..." What do you think about this saying? What does the Bible have to say about this kind of saying? Why?
6. Even when we go to God in the midst of our storm and he chooses to save us, his timing and his methods of deliverance may be different from what we expect or want. Read the following verses (John 14:26-27; Isaiah 55:8-11; Isaiah 59:1-2) What do these passages teach us about God's "just in time" system of deliverance?
7. Storms in our life don't just create character. They expose the character that's already there. What have the storms of your life exposed about your character? How have they created character over the years?
8. Is there a current storm you're going through right now? In what area of life are you needing God's deliverance? Would you be willing to present this situation before the group and have them pray for you/about it?
9. Spend some time praying for one another & for the storms that've been discussed.