

ENCOUNTERS

WITH THE POWER OF GOD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | LUKE 8:26-39

1. Was there anything about the message today that you found particularly helpful? Anything you'd like to discuss further?
2. Today's message is about Jesus and Demons. What comes to your mind when you think of demon possession? What new light was shed by today's message?
3. How does Luke describe the demon possessed man? What insight does this give us on demonization in people today? Where do we see demonization at work today?
4. C.S. Lewis says Christians go to one of two extremes when it comes to Satan and demons: some find demonic activity in everything while others ignore all demonic activity all together. To which side of the pendulum do you swing and why? What about our culture? What's the danger to each excess in either extreme?
5. While a Christian cannot be possessed by a demon (implying ownership) we can be "demonized." Satan & demons have as much control over us as we give them. How do Christians open themselves up to the demonic and how ought we close ourselves off? How do you do this practically in your own life?
6. What are some common forms of demonization in our world today? What are some prevalent forms that we might discount today?
7. The goal of demonic activity is to bring death and destruction. How have you seen this at work in your life or the lives of people you love?
8. Are there any areas of your life in which you're fighting against demonic influences? How has this passage encouraged or challenged you?
9. What are some practical next steps you could take this week to practically apply God's Word to your life? How can we pray for you?