



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of March 12, 2024

Sermon: “Questions After The Storm”

Text: Luke 8:22-25

SUMMARY

As disciples of Jesus, to rightly answer the question, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him,” is to commit ourselves to total trust and obedience to Jesus, even in the midst of the storm.

FOR GROUPS

One of the themes in Luke’s gospel that is prominent in this story is the humanity of Jesus. In our story, Jesus fell asleep in the boat and slept into the storm very likely from a real sense of exhaustion. What are some other examples of Jesus’ humanity on display in Luke’s gospel so far? How does the humanity of Jesus give us confidence in God; confidence in the gospel?

There seems to be a close link between Jesus’ question to his disciples, “Where is your faith?” and his statement to them before they set sail, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” What areas of your life has Jesus spoken commands or promises into that you need to trust and obey more fully, by faith, even in the face of trying circumstances?

It is often the case in the process of our spiritual growth and maturing that we know more spiritually (spiritual truth, theology, biblical wisdom, etc.) than we are obeying practically. What are the areas of your life where this kind of dissonance exists?

Take a moment to identify and share the consistently stormy situations in your life. These would be the recurrent situations, circumstances, anxieties, fears, etc. that draw your attention immediately and fully and eclipse the word of Christ in your heart and mind.

Read Psalm 107:23-32 together. Jesus puts his divinity on display and powerfully saves his disciples by calming the wind and raging seas by his word. Share testimonies together of how Christ has powerfully delivered you by his word from fear, danger, sin, and death.

How can the disciples’ fear of, and marveling at, Christ be sustained in your life today? What have you learned of Christ or seen him do that has caught you off guard and expanded your vision for who he is and what he is doing in the world and around your life?