



From our recent study in Luke, we know that Jesus has been busy teaching, traveling and healing and He has every reason to be tired. Do a little review of the healings that Jesus has been doing recently.

Read Luke 8:22-25

"One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?""

Luke 8:22-25 ESV

What does this say about Jesus?

Crowd source answers from the congregation - (Jesus trusts His disciples to go to sleep; Jesus is unafraid; Jesus is human in His tiredness - 100% human; Jesus is in control of nature; Jesus has expectations)

Ask group members to add some of their own thoughts of what this passage teaches us about Jesus.

Here are Michael's thoughts that he presented in the sermon.

- Jesus directs you (22) How is He directing you right now?
- Jesus accompanies you (22-23) He is with us.
- Jesus answers you when you call (24)
- Jesus challenges you (25) Where is your faith? The disciples had just seen some great things - earlier they had seen Jesus raise the dead.

The disciples ask this question - Who is Jesus?

Ask, If you are asked by a neighbor, co-worker or family member, Who do you say that Jesus is?

The disciples were afraid and marveled - who is this who even commands the wind and water?

Ask, Have you ever seen God do something that is not easily explained away? What is your reaction when God does something in way that you did not think of or even seem possible?

This is the big question of the Bible and our lives - Who is Jesus and where is my faith?

Read Jonah 1:4-5

*But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid and they cried out to their god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.*

Ask, How is Jesus the better, more perfect Jonah? (Jesus is the obedient One to the Father.)

Ask, when you hear this phrase – “The only hero of the Bible is Jesus Himself”, how do you react and live in a way that shows this to be true?

All others stories (heroes) in scripture are a foreshadowing of Jesus. When you see Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel, Jonah and so many others in scripture, how are they just a foreshadowing of Christ Himself?

The main distinguisher is that Jesus is the sinless/selfless One. Why is this so important for us as believers?

How might we apply these truths from Luke 8?

- Go where Jesus tells you. Ask, Where is your Nineveh? Where are you hesitant to follow Christ?
- Know that Jesus is with you. Ask, How can you be sure that Jesus is with you?
- Know that Jesus hears you. (Even when you lack faith)
- Listen to Jesus when He challenges you. When you are challenged spiritually, the desire of God’s heart is that you will trust Him and obey completely? What is keeping you from doing that in your life?

As you and I read God’s Word may be reminded constantly that Jesus is the hero!

Take time for prayer requests and spend time praying for the soil of the hearts of the group.