

Luke 8:22- 39

God's Kingdom of Restoration



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 8:22-39

1. Read Luke 8:22-39. Both of these events are about Jesus bringing calmness to chaos. Compare and contrast 8:22-25 (calming the storm) with 8:26-39 (calming the demonised man). How are they similar? How are they different?
2. Notice Luke's use of the words "rebuked" in 8:24 and "commands" in 8:25. How does Jesus treat the storm? What does this indicate?
3. What do the unclean spirits know about Jesus in 8:28-31?
4. Why does Jesus give the demons permission to enter the pigs? What does it demonstrate to those who were there at the time?
5. Why were the people from the town and surrounding area frightened? Why did they ask Jesus to leave?
6. What do you learn from 8:35 in which Luke describes the restored man.

The Scriptures – Luke 8:22-39 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Matthew 8:23-34 and Mark 4:35-5:20 give accounts of the same events. There are both similarities and differences between these accounts. Choose to read one of the other accounts and compare it with Luke's account.
8. Psalm 46 is one really significant OT psalm about God's power and intent to bring peace to the world. Read and discuss the psalm.
9. Read the words of 1 Peter 5:10-11 and perhaps some of the text around these verses. Peter is writing to Christians who are suffering. How important are these words for you? Perhaps pause and pray for Christians in other nations who are suffering for their faith in ways that we are not. Spend some time in prayer.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 8:22-39 as a portion of the Scriptures

10. The kingdom of God is about restoration. How *has* God restored you? How *is* God restoring you? How *will* God restore you when you die or when Jesus returns? Share with one another about some of the ways God's restoration is being worked out in your life.