


FOUR MIRACLES ONE MASTER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LUKE 8:22-56

- 1 In Luke chapter 8, we see that Jesus was in the boat with his disciples (in fact, it was his idea to go out to sea), but they still faced a terrifying storm. How does this example confront common misconceptions about the presence of difficulty and trials in the life of Jesus' disciples?


 Read Isaiah 30:20-22, Hebrews 10:32-34, 12:10-14, 1 Peter 1:6-7. What do these texts tell us that God is doing in our suffering?

♥ What crisis(es) are you currently facing or have recently gone through? How are you navigating it?

♥ What quality of Jesus in Luke 8 most encourages you to trust him more in times of crisis?

♥ Are there any Christians you know who are walking through a storm? What encouragement could you share with them from Luke 8?

- 2 Jairus wanted Jesus to hurry to his house, and yet there was an interruption in the journey. Have you ever been impatient or confused at the timing of God's work? How should Christians handle the waiting times when Jesus seems to be delayed?

 Read about another "delay" in Jesus' arrival in John 11:1-15. Why did Jesus delay and not go immediately (John 11:4; John 11:14-15)? What do we need to remember about God's timetable based on this story?

 How should we respond in times when it seems like God's answer is delayed? How does faith respond? (see also Luke 18:1-8)

♥ What have you been praying a long time for God to answer? What is one way you can encourage those who are losing heart?

- 3 **Why do you think that the disciples were still afraid even after the storm has ceased (Luke 8:25)?** Similar responses show up in Luke 8:37, 47. One kind of fear is replaced by another.

♥ *What is the difference between these 2 fears and how is the second connected to following Jesus no matter what we face?*

- 4 **Only the disciples witnessed all four of the miracle stories in the end of Luke 8.** What new things do you think they learned about Jesus during this time?

- 5 **Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”** (Luke 8:50) What fears have been most on your mind recently? Is there any way in which you need to let these words comfort and calm you right now?

⚙️ *When do you most often tend to slip into fear instead of faith?*

♥ *What can you meditate on from Luke 8 that might help you in those times?*

📖 *How can we grow in faith (Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 10:11; 1 Peter 1:7, 1 Peter 2:1–3)?*

- 6 **The demons recognized who Jesus was – the Son of the Most High.** But, how is recognizing what is true about Jesus different than having a saving faith in Jesus? What can we learn from the difference?