

Discipleship Notes 2: July 2020

“The Storm on the Lake”

Luke 8: 19-39

Opening Worship

Read: Psalm 46: 1-11

Try to create a list of things that are important to us for our comfort and security. How would we feel if these things were threatened and no longer secure?

How does the Psalmist describe God?

Welcome:

What sort of things scare you? Are there particular fears that you have? Is being scared or fearful always a bad thing?

In our study today we will be on and around the Sea of Galilee. This vast expanse of water, and its lengthy shoreline, provide the setting for many of Jesus' teachings and miracles.

Today we are going to encounter 3 different types of fear.

Demons. Storms. Rejection. In each situation, Jesus' claims about himself will be exposed. Faith will be tested. And new aspects of the life and purpose of Jesus will be revealed.

Read: Luke 8: 19-21

- Who came to see Jesus? Why could they not actually meet with Jesus?
- Look up Matthew 12: 46-50 & Mark 3: 20-35. Is it important to us that Jesus has an earthly family? Does Jesus appear to value family life?
- Why were Jesus' family concerned about him?

Read: Luke 8: 22-25

- Why did Jesus cross the lake?
- Can you suggest some reasons as to why Jesus fell asleep during the crossing? How did Jesus feel about the developing situation?
- How did the disciples react to the developing situation?
- What 'storms' might hit us or people we know?
- What do we learn about the disciples? What do we learn about nature and creation? What do we learn about Jesus?

Reading: Luke 8: 26-39

- Why did Jesus cross the lake? What was wrong with 'Legion'?
- How might we have tried to help 'Legion' today?
- Mental Health is an increasingly important issue on our society. How might we support and help those struggling with their mental health?
- What is the difference between a health issue and a demon-possessed issue?
- How did the people of Gerasenes react to Jesus?
- How did 'Legion' react?

Prayer Pointers:

- Pray for our families and the situations they face
- We remember those who are facing health issues.

- We ask that God will bless the end of term REInspired school sessions being done online
- We pray for our church leaders