



Study + Discussion Sheets

[For the Week of August 2nd - 8th]

"Jesus + The Disciples" (The Calming of the Storm)

Dig deeper into Sunday's message with our study + discussion questions based on Matthew 8:23-27 and the August 2, 2015 sermon, **Jesus + The Disciples** which is Part 9 of our *Encountering Jesus* teaching series...

READ MATTHEW 8:23-27

1. What surprise did the disciples encounter while they were in the boat (8:23-24)? How severe was the weather? (Note: The majority of the disciples were fishermen. They should have been used to your basic storm while on the Sea of Galilee. This storm must have been different.)
2. What was Jesus doing during the storm? Why do you think he was doing that? Doesn't it seem odd?
3. What did the disciples do? What did the disciples say (8:25)?
4. How did Jesus reply to the disciples' expression of fear (8:26)? What did Jesus do when the disciples expressed fear?
5. What is faith? (See Hebrews 11:1.) How can faith be a resolution to fear? Are faith and fear opposites? Can faith or should faith ever include fear?
6. What was nature's response to the command of Jesus (8:26)? After the encounter with the storm, the disciples encountered *the Lord of the storm*. How did the disciples react to this astonishing sequence of events? (8:27)
7. What excellent question did they raise and what did they learn about the character and identity of Jesus through this encounter (and miracle)? Considering the famous Hebrew stories of the parting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the Jordan, what might this miracle have taught them about Jesus? What can it teach us?

Assignment for the week:

Thank God for his willingness to forgive you. Ask him to cultivate a spirit of forgiveness in your relationship with others. Seek ways to emulate the penetrating grace and truth of Jesus with someone you need to forgive or someone whose sin has been exposed. Approach one from whom you need to seek forgiveness with grace and humility and endeavor to resolve a difficult situation.

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