

Restoration Fellowship Small Group Questions

Luke 8: 26-39

The Other Side

When Jesus tells the disciples to cross over to the other side of the lake (8:22), he takes the disciples across multiple boundaries.

- What would it have been like for a Jew to enter into Gentile territory preaching the Kingdom?
- What was Jesus teaching the disciples by bringing them to the Decapolis?
- Application: Discuss as a group what the “other side” is for you individually, and what it might be for us as a church. Discuss a step you might take toward bringing the Kingdom’s Gospel to the “other side.”

Jesus’ Identity

- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- How might this shape the way we think about struggles in our own lives?

Negative Reactions to Jesus

- When the demoniac first saw Jesus, he begged Jesus not to torment him (8:29). Why might he have had this view of Jesus? Do you know of people who have this perspective that Jesus has come to “torture” or “torment” them. Consider ways in our culture that Jesus is misunderstood. What might be a specific action you can take to help others see that they have completely misunderstood who Jesus really is?
- Why do you think the people of the Decapolis (v.37) were afraid after the man was healed? Why did they want Jesus to depart?
- Have you experienced rejection in sharing the good news of Christ’s power and love? How have you processed that negative experience?

Spiritual Warfare

- Do you believe in spiritual warfare with dark, evil forces? Why or why not?
- How do you see evil forces manifesting itself against you and Christ’s Kingdom?
- What should we be doing as a church to identify, resist, and repel the demonic?

A Mission Given

- Jesus tells the healed man in v.39: “return to your home and declare how much God has done for you.” What does this teach us about sharing our own stories of what Jesus has done in our lives?