

Sermon: Who Then Is This.
Series: Luke the Gospel for Everyone

Scripture: Luke 8:22-25.
Date: August 4, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Why did Jesus allow his disciples to go through the storm? Why does God allow us to suffer?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Like the disciples, are you in the middle of any storms that are out of your control right now?

b) What is your current suffering revealing about the state of your faith? (Look at 8:25 – fear of storm v. fear and marveling at Jesus).

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Why do you think Jesus was able to sleep during the storm? What does his rest reveal about his own personal faith in the Father?

b) Read Romans 5:1-2 and think through this progression. 1) What justifies us? 2) How does that justification produce peace with God? 3) How does this peace with God get us through the storms of life?

APPLICATION

a) Look at Romans 7:24-25. Why does the Christian life require an ongoing focus on Christ in faith? Why must we say “I trust you, Jesus,” over and over again, everyday? How can you make this refocusing faith into a daily habit?

b) We need to learn to ask the WHO question (Who then is this), rather than the WHAT or WHY questions. Think about an area of suffering in your life. How have you been phrasing the WHAT and WHY questions? How might you phrase the WHO question instead?

PRAYER

- Thank God for even his trials that he sends us through to redirect our faith.
- Confess ways that you have feared the storm more than you’ve marveled at Christ.
- Thank Jesus for his justifying, peaceful presence with you in the midst of life’s storms.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to grow your faith in Christ.