

Questions, Quotes and Notes

February 5, 2023

Luke 8:22-25: Faith Not Fear

Pre-Sermon: Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. Can you think of something that you have known God wants you to do but you have been hesitant to do it? What reasons do you give yourself?

Mid-Sermon:

We are going to look at the reason we often give for being slow to obey Jesus and Jesus' explanation of what is often really going on instead. Here are some questions you can be asking as I preach.

1. What are some ways chapters 6-8 of Luke highlight the importance of obedience?
2. One perspective to read this story is from the disciples' vantage point in the boat. Another perspective is from the vantage point of a reader in the first century church. What reasons would the disciples in the boat have given for their fear?
3. How does this story provide a good illustration of questions the first century believer might have been tempted to ask about Jesus?
4. What is the Old Testament story going on in the background of this one and how does that help us gain insight into this story?
5. How does Jesus' reaction to the storm reveal that fear isn't the only option?
6. How do we know from this passage that the disciples' reaction was not appropriate?
7. What's the difference between not being controlled by fear in frightening circumstances and just denying reality and trying to be happy?

Cross References:

1. Jonah 1
2. Mark 4:35-41
3. Matthew 8:23-27

Notes:

- Here are some questions for your children.

1. What passage did we study today?
2. Is it ever hard for you to obey God?
3. What makes it scary for you to do what Jesus wants?
4. What story did we look at today and what was scary for the disciples?
5. What did Jesus think about them being scared like that? What was really the problem?
6. It's not wrong to become scared, but what was wrong about the way the disciples were afraid? Why did Jesus respond the way He did?
7. What does faith have to do with fear?
8. How does obey Jesus joyfully in situations that seem a bit scary demonstrate that we actually have faith in Him?