

Jesus as told by Luke
Week's Reading: Luke 8:19-56
Discussion Guide: February 5, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. - Luke 8:15

In what way did cultivate your heart in order to truly "hear" God's word this past week?

OPEN:

- What stood out from this past week's reading?
- What encouraged or challenged you most from this past week's message?

READ and ASK: Luke 8:19-56

- Which portion of this text stands out to you most? Why?
- What is faith?
- What is Jesus teaching his disciples by ignoring and then calming the storm?
- Following their experience out on the water, what do you think the disciples were thinking and feeling as the demoniac came onto the scene?
- Why do you think sin and evil drive us to loneliness and isolation?
 - o How can we fight it?
- What is the most dramatic and lasting change have you seen Jesus make in someone's life?

APPLY:

- What situations or forces have at times left you not in your right mind?
 - o Have you ever had a moment like the demoniac where you wanted Jesus to leave you alone?
 - What was the situation? How did it turn out?

- From all of these stories, what stands out to you about Jesus' power? His purposes?
 - o How might this make a difference as you face desperate situations?
- When have you been as desperate as Jairus and the bleeding woman? If you are willing, share.
 - o How did Jesus respond to you?
- What does Jesus provide that you need most of right now?
- If Jesus asked you, where is your faith, how would you respond?
 - o NEXT STEP: How do you need to trust Jesus more deeply this week?

Memory Work:

He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." - Luke 8:21

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 9:1-20