

Life Group Discussion Guide

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Matthew 8:19-27
Stuart Jones - February 24, 2019



INTRODUCTION

In Matthew 8:18-27 we read about the fear the disciples had when they encountered a storm. Jesus calmed the storm and asked why the disciples had such little faith to let fear overwhelm them.

No matter what we are going through, we must trust Him to take care of us because He has shown over and over that He is able and willing to meet our every need. We need to exercise our faith and stop listening to our fears. "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

(Hebrews 11:1)

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Stuart said, "Throughout our lives, we like to know we fit somewhere." Why is that? Why do people go to great lengths to fit in?
2. Have you ever agreed to something and then quickly realized you were in over your head wishing you had kept your mouth closed? We're all friends here, so tell the group about it.

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Matthew 7:21-23. What is Jesus' purpose behind these words? Is it to make fear rise up within us as we wonder if we're doing the right things or is there another purpose?
2. As Stuart explained, Jesus asked those who wanted to follow Him, "Are you sure?" Why would Jesus need to ask this? Shouldn't He be celebrating all those who "have decided to follow Jesus? So why the confirmation?
3. Read Matthew 8:21-22. Jesus' response here seems quite rude in our culture. Would it have been perceived that way in the first century? Why or why not? How is Jesus challenging this young man?
4. Read Matthew 8:23-27. As Stuart explained, by this point Jesus has healed countless people, so why are they suddenly amazed by Him? Why are they surprised by Jesus' power?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Which of the characters Stuart mentioned do you relate to the most—the religious teacher, the son who wants to bury his father or the disciples? Explain.
2. Answer the final questions of Stuart's sermon. Are you sure? Are you ready? Are you amazed? Explain.



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