

**COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE****The One Who Calms**

LUKE 8:22-56

**OVERVIEW**

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

**APPLY // LUKE 8:22-56**

1. Read Luke 8:1-21.
2. How does Jesus' parable of the four soils challenge you? Which soil explains your temptations most? Why?
3. How does Jesus' parable comfort you and remind you of the grace of the gospel? Why is it important to remember that the fourth soil "bears fruit *with patience*"?
4. What about this passage causes you to worship Jesus?

**OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 8:1-21**

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

**Overview/Big Idea:** Jesus, who is God in the flesh, has all authority over storms, spirits, disease and death.

1. Read Luke 8:22-56.
2. How are the various stories in verses 22-56 connected together? Do you observe any main themes running through this passage?
3. Notice how in each account the people move from fear to fear. What's the difference in the types of fears they experience?
4. Jesus Calms a Storm
  - a. In verse 24, why are the disciples so afraid? What do they do?
  - b. What is surprising about Jesus' response to the situation? What do Jesus' actions tell us about who he is?
  - c. In verse 25, why does Jesus ask the disciples, "Where is your faith?"
5. Jesus Heals a man with a Demon
  - a. Describe the condition of the demon-possessed man.

- b. In verse 28, how does the man respond at seeing Jesus?
  - c. What happens in verse 31-33? Notice the phrase “So he gave them permission.” What does this tell us about Jesus?
  - d. How do the herdsman respond to Jesus?
  - e. How does the formally demon-possess man respond to Jesus?
6. Jesus Heals a Woman and Jairus’s Daughter
- a. What do you observe about Jairus? What do you observe about the unnamed woman? How are they similar? How are they different? What do these similarities and differences tell us about Jesus?
  - b. What’s the significance of the woman bleeding for twelve years (cf. Lev. 15:25)?
  - c. According to the Law, when she touches Jesus, he should have become unclean? But what actually happens? What does this tell us about Jesus?
  - d. In verse 45, Jesus wants to know who touched him. He’s not just content with dispensing a miracle, but wants a personal encounter. What does this tell us about Jesus?
  - e. What is Jesus’ first word to this unnamed woman? What’s significant about this?
  - f. Jesus tells her that her faith has made her well. What does this mean and why does Jesus make sure to tell her this truth?
  - g. What does “someone from the ruler’s house” say to Jairus? What do their words assume about Jesus?
  - h. How does Jesus respond with his words and actions? Toward Jairus? Toward those who were weeping? Toward the little girl?
  - i. What do Jesus words and actions tell you about who is he and what he is like?
  - j. What does Jesus “charge [the parents] to tell no one what happened”?
- General Bible study questions:
    - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
    - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
    - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
    - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
    - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** How have you been surprised by God’s grace recently? Are there areas where you pleading with God to give you grace to fuel your love and obedience?