

Hill City Church

Luke - Guide (Sept. 30)

Luke Part 25 / "Where is your faith?"

Go over the rules of Group Discussion:

- Use 'I' statements. These statements break denial structures.
- No rescuing people as they are speaking. Do not finish someone's sentence if they start struggling to find words. Let them fully process their thought; it might be the first time they are wrestling with something
- No side chatter.
- Pray. Invite God to further His kingdom in your group. Ask for blind spots to be revealed in your members' lives.

Reading:

22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, 23 and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. 24 And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

- Luke 8: 22-25

Getting Started

Leader: create your own opening to discussion that draws in the group's attention.

Read the above verses

1. What is the most fearful thing you have ever encountered in your life?

- a. What about it produced fear?
- 2. Read Mark 4:38-41
 - a. How are these stories/perspectives similar
 - b. How are these stories/perspectives different?
- 3. Has it ever felt like Jesus was asleep in your life?
 - a. How do you tend to respond when you feel like you are not being heard?
 - i. Examples: Fear, frustration, apathy, resentment

Going Deeper

As we continue through Luke, we want people to be able to voice their thoughts and questions; however, we do not necessarily want to fill those with answers. As we walk through the book of Luke, we will be confronted with what we think we already know about Jesus versus what the bible says about Jesus. We will be confronted with whether we are worshiping the Jesus of the bible, or a Jesus we have created in our head. Create an environment where people can just shout out a thought they have.

1. What are some of the main ways that you have heard this passage taught before?
 - a. What was something new about this story that you hadn't heard before?
 - b. Have you assumed this story is about you, and you have functionally lived out that Jesus exists to calm the "storms" in your life when they pop up? If yes, what has that looked like in your life?
2. How does the fact that the sea was familiar (Genesis 1) with the sound of Jesus' voice impact how you view Him?
3. What does Jesus' voice sound like in your life?
4. How do you know it is Jesus' voice, or just your own will, desire, or rationalizing?

Application

1. In v. 22, Jesus said, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." Brad talked about how, no matter what, they would make it to the other side of the lake because Jesus said they would. And, they did make it to the other side.

- a. What are some of the promises of God that functionally shape the way you live your life?
 - b. What is something you know God has promised that you have a hard time believing will really happen?
 - i. **Leader Note:** Some people may say things that God has never promised. In front of the group is probably not the time to correct their theology. However, it will allow you to see an area of their life where you can help them see what God has truly promised.
2. Mark 4:38 shows us that the disciples asked Jesus, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”
- a. The disciples referred to Jesus as “teacher”. How do you address or refer to Jesus?
 - b. What does that show about your view of God?
 - c. When in your life have you felt God’s care for you?
 - d. In your life today, do you believe God cares for you?
 - i. What makes you think that?
 - e. What is your definition of “care” or “caring”?
 - f. Brad talked about the ultimate storm that you and I cannot stop - the holy wrath of God. At the cross, Jesus could have spoken at any time and made it stop - but he did not.
 - i. What is the significance of Jesus not speaking on the cross?
 - ii. What does that tell you about Jesus?
 - iii. In light of knowing Jesus did not stop God’s holy wrath, what is your response?
 - 1. Even if you are already a believer, what is your response?
3. What were the circumstances that took you from calling Jesus “teacher” to “the Holy One of God”?
- a. **Leader Note:** In reality, some may not yet. Their answers will help you discern.

Transparency & Vulnerability:

If you haven’t done so already, split up the men and women in your group.

- Ask if there is anything that needs to be dragged out and confessed before the light of God. Darkness cannot live in the light. Read James 5:16.
- Pray for each other; lay hands on and pray when needed.