

MERCY & POWER ON DISPLAY

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Luke 8:40-56

INTRODUCTION – REVIEW OF LUKE 8:22-56

- ▶ Luke 8:22-25 – Jesus calms a wild storm at sea
- ▶ Luke 8:26-39 – Jesus drives a legion of demons out of a human being
- ▶ Luke 8:40-56 – Jesus heals someone of an incurable disease & then beats death itself

- QUESTION: Who is this Jesus of Nazareth?

STORY #1: HELPING JAIRUS (Luke 8:40-42; 49-56)

PRINCIPLE #1: Whatever you're going through, know that the Lord cares & is walking with you.

STORY #2: INTERRUPTION - THE SICK WOMAN (Luke 8:43-48)

PRINCIPLE #2: Our God is willing to dive into deep waters to rescue us!

PRINCIPLE #3: Do whatever is needed to get to Christ.

BACK TO STORY #1: THE INTERRUPTION OF DEATH (Luke 8:49-56)

PRINCIPLE #4: God is never caught off guard & He never shows up late.

PRINCIPLE #5: Faith drives out fear.

PRINCIPLE #6: As followers of Jesus Christ, we are neither free from tribulation, nor helpless in tribulation, but victorious over tribulation.

- I will attend a baptism class either today or next Sunday to be baptized on Good Friday.
- I will take a friend to see the movie "Son of God."
- I will read Luke 8:40 – 56 and consider what it means to trust Christ with my life and future.



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Lesson Aim: *To discuss the power of Jesus over disease & death (both physical & spiritual) and our hope in Him for today.*

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

Ice-breaker: Share about one thing you have accomplished that required a long-term commitment and/or training.

1. **READ Luke 8:40-48.** Compare and contrast the different ways Jairus and the woman approached Jesus. What do you think explains the differences in their approach?
2. **READ Luke 8:49-56.** How do you think Jairus felt when he had to stop and wait for Jesus to heal and speak with the woman? How about later when Jesus told him (regarding his daughter): “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed”?
3. How was the power of God displayed even more greatly because Jairus had to wait? List the different ways Jesus’ power is shown in these verses.
4. Is there anything in your life right now for which you feel like Jesus is making you wait too long for? Tell your group about it.

5. What are some things we can do to trust in Christ and even grow in our faith during these “waiting times”?
6. A key principle from Pastor Scott’s message this weekend was “Whatever you’re going through now, know that the Lord cares & is walking with you.” Describe a difficult time in your life when you experienced this to be true.
7. Is there anyone whom God has placed in your life that is going through a difficult time and needs to know this? What can you (or the group) do to help or encourage them this week?
8. **READ** the following verses and list the different ways God can help us as we face hardships:
 - **Romans 5:1-5:**
 - **Romans 8:38-39:**
 - **2 Corinthians 1:3-5:**
 - **James 1:2-8:**

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday’s message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the “Messages” link.