

Home group notes w/b February 10th 2013

Last week we heard how Jesus and the disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee to the other side. A great storm had arisen. The disciples woke Jesus; he ordered the winds and waves to be still and they obeyed. The disciples were in a state of fear and amazement and were asking 'Who is this?' Perhaps they were hoping for a quieter time when they reached the opposite shore but.....

Read Luke 8 26-39

1 What do we learn about the man who met Jesus as he stepped ashore? In how bad a state was he? How could the man himself have known that Jesus was the Son of God? Why do you think the man answered *Legion* in answer to Jesus question *What is your name?*

2 Is there one word we could use to sum up the sending of the evil spirits into the pigs? Is it essential that we understand what was happening there? Once the man had been freed from the evil spirits, what (in detail) does Luke tell us about the man's new condition? Why do you think Jesus told the man to stay and not accompany him back across the lake? What does this episode tell us about the danger of demon possession?

Read Luke 8 40-42 & 49-56

3 Would you expect a man like Jairus to have faith in Jesus? In what different ways did he show his faith? How did Jesus react to the news that the girl was already dead?

4 Why do you think Jesus only allowed a few people to go into the house with him? Was the healing swift? Why do you think Jesus told the girl's parents to give her something to eat? Jesus had told the (demon-possessed) man to tell of what God had done for him. Why then do you think Jesus told the parents to say nothing now?

Read Luke 8 43-48

5 How would you describe the woman's wretched condition and the effect that it would have had on her whole life? In what way did she show extreme bravery as well as great faith? Why do you think Jesus made her come forward and speak in front of the whole crowd?

6 What would you say are the main similarities and differences in the three episodes? What difference did Jesus make on these three lives? What would your answer be now to the disciples' question *Who is this?*