

Reflection Questions: Luke 8:22-25

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages.

INTRODUCTION

Pray. Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Read the Scripture text: Luke 8:22-25

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?"

QUESTIONS

1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- In this passage, Jesus asks the penetrating question, "Where is your faith?" What was Jesus wanting them to see in this moment by asking them this question? And how does this question help us to understand the nature of "faith"?
- The other question we find in this passage is on the lips of the disciples, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?" How is the Gospel writer, Luke, wanting us to connect the dots about the identity of Jesus?
- Luke clearly is wanting us to trust boldly in Jesus, the one who is the master and commander of the storms of life. How does embodying the central truth of this passage help us become more fully and truly ourselves, the people God is creating us to be?

2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- What are some ways we can help each other fix our eyes on Jesus and anchor our hope in him in the midst of the storms of life?

3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- What questions do you think people in our city would ask of this text?
- How does this passage inform our thinking as we communicate that Jesus is not just another teacher or guru, but one who has "all authority in heaven and earth" (cf. Matthew 28:18-20).