

Series: Knowing Jesus  
Text: Luke 8:22-25  
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What do you think is the most amazing promise God makes in the gospel?

How should believing that promise impact the way you think and feel and act? In other words, if you believed that promise was true, what difference would it make in your everyday life?

Obviously, even though we say we believe all kinds of amazing things as Christians, those truths don't always impact us the way they should. Instead, all too often we are afraid and hesitant and uncertain. Instead of obeying Jesus, we do our own thing.

What reasons do Christians often give for their uncertainty and hesitancy and failures to obey Jesus?

One reason we often give is our circumstances. We look at what's happening in our lives or we look at the way the world is and we feel like things are too difficult. We think we have reasons for not obeying Jesus.

Let's read Luke 8:22-25 together.

I think this story challenges our excuses for our fears and our uncertainties and our slowness in obeying Jesus.

What stands out to you from this passage?

Was there anything that impacted you from the sermon on Sunday?

What happened after Jesus got into the boat with the disciples and asked them to take him to the other side of the lake?

What does this tell you about Jesus?

How is this a picture of how life sometimes feels for us as well?

How do the disciples respond to these circumstances? What do they say to Jesus? What does what they say to Jesus indicate about what is going on in their hearts?

What does Jesus do after the disciples wake him? What does that tell us about Jesus?

What does Jesus ask the disciples? Why is this a surprising question? What does this tell us about the way the disciples were responding from God's perspective?

Why was the disciple's response a lack of faith? What weren't they believing that they should?

How did the disciples feel after Jesus asked them this? Why do you think they felt that way?

What question did they ask one another? Why do you think they asked that question?

If the disciples were going to be confident in the middle of the storm, what needed to be true of them? What counsel would you give to them?

In what ways does this passage challenge you?

Is there any way you are going to be different as a result of what we've studied?

What would you like to share with someone else?

Is there any specific issue that this study has brought up that you want the members of your gospel community to be praying for you about?