

Home Group Discussion Questions

Sunday 19th June, 2011

Passage Luke 8:26-39

Icebreaker: What were you scared of as a child?

Read the Passage: Luke 8:26-39

Questions:

1. Why do you think the subject of evil and the demonic has such a fascination for some people?
2. What does the passage teach us about the activity of demons? *See also the first part of John 10:10.* What effect can demons have upon people?
3. Why might the expression 'demon possession' be an unhelpful one when we consider the influence of evil on people's lives?
4. **Read Ephesians 4:25-30; 1 Timothy 3:6-7; 1 Peter 5:8; and 2 Tim 2:26.** How can areas of sin in your life give a foothold to some demonic activity/influence?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Peter 5:9; James 4:7.** Can a Christian be victorious over demonic activity/influence in his/her life?
6. **Read Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:18**

Is the prospect of encountering demonic activity, either in your own, or other people's lives, something to be feared?
7. Considering again the encounter in Luke 8, why is it that the same display of Jesus' power and authority has very different results on the people of that area compared to the restored man?
8. When Jesus disturbs your comfort, how do you react? Do we ask him to leave like the people in this region did because he causes a stir?
9. **Re-read Ephesians 4:25-30.** What do you think it means to grieve the Holy Spirit? How can we avoid doing this in our lives?
10. Why did Jesus not allow the healed man to follow him? (What did He tell him to do instead?) What are the lessons in this for us?