

LUKE CHAPTER 8 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Do you believe it is easier to gain trust or lose trust? Why?
- Opening Prayer
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

• PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.

Read the Story (Luke 8:1-56)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Luke 8:1-21

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 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

- ☐ At the end of the parable when Jesus says, "He who has ears, let him hear," this wasn't primarily a call to listen but a call to be spiritually sensitive to the call of Jesus and His kingdom.
- ☐ What do you think it means to be spiritually sensitive to the call of Jesus rather than just listening to His words? In what ways are you currently sensitive to the call of Jesus upon your life?
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Luke 8:22-39

- ☐ In both of these stories, notice the power of Jesus' spoken word, first to calm the storm, and then to drive Legion out of the man. Consider the following questions.
 - What does it mean and look like for a person to take Jesus at His word?
 - How would your life look different this week if you took Jesus at His word?
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Luke 8:40-56

- ☐ In both of these stories, the woman and the ruler exhibit this radical dependence, desperation, and faith in the power and presence of Jesus.
 - How does your faith in God resemble the radical dependence and desperation that we read about here?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Luke chapter 9)

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