

Daily Encounters & Life Group prep week of June 10th – June 16th, 2018

JESUS – HIS ULTIMATE AUTHORITY & OUR GREATEST FEAR

Luke Series

Luke 8:40-56

As you go through the week, reflect back on passage and all it reveals about “This Man Jesus”! His authority and power rule over all of nature, all the supernatural realm and even disease and death. Notice all you learn about His character – His omniscience, His omnipotence and His loving compassion. Most of all, be encouraged that as you and I face the enemy called “Death”, we have nothing to fear. So, let’s keep trusting the One who conquered sin and death!

Pastor Dale

Monday—*Jesus – The Character of God on Display*

Review **Luke 8:40-56** and notice all the attributes of deity displayed by Jesus. What do you see? What do they teach you about Jesus, as your personal Lord? Stop and thank God for a Savior who sees what others don’t see, knows what others don’t know and cares for people like no other! He even knew the thoughts and intentions of the hearts of those He encountered. Which attribute of Jesus do you need to remember when you face illness or death? Which brings you comfort?

Tuesday—*Jesus – Authority Over Disease and Illness*

Review **Luke 8:40-48** as Jesus heads out to heal the daughter of Jairus, a leader in the Synagogue. But when interrupted along the way, Jesus stops to meet a woman who was healed simply by touching His garment. Now read **Mark 5:25-34** and discover WHY she sought out Jesus and touched his robe. Jesus knew that a woman of FAITH had been healed, without either of them saying a word! She believed and acted on her faith, and Jesus healed her 12-year-old affliction.

Wednesday—*Jesus – Authority Even Over Death!*

Now go back and read Luke 8:49-56. Now read John 11:25 and compare it to I Thessalonians 4:13-14. Upon hearing the girl had passed away, Jesus challenges the father to not lose faith, but to still believe. Our Lord knew she had died but used the metaphor of “asleep”. This would become a common phrase to refer to believers who “die in Christ Jesus” (see I Thessalonians 4 above). Give thanks that when your body ceases to live, your spirit never dies!

Thursday—*Jesus – Worthy of our Trust When Life is Hard and Hurts*

Read Romans 8:22-23 where we learn that the “redemption” of our bodies is yet to come. So why does God allow His children to suffer various afflictions, even death? Read II Corinthians 1:3-6 and James 1:2-4 to discover two of the main reasons God allows His beloved children to experience the pains of life on planet earth. Ask the Lord to use your experiences, especially painful ones, to equip you for loving others. Yes, God does at times still heal as we pray and believe. But remember, His greater goal is to increase our faith, hope and capacity to love!

Friday—*Prepare for next Sunday by reading **Luke 9:12-17** and discover even more about the nature of this Jesus as He feeds the “5,000”. See you Sunday!*

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- I. The Story: The Desperate Dad, Dying Daughter and Distraction. *Luke 6:40-55*
 - A Pleading, Desperate Dad *Luke 8:40-42*
 - A Bleeding, Desperate Woman *Luke 8:43-48*
 - A Death and Resurrection by Jesus *Luke 8:49-56*

- II. The Lessons: Jesus – Defeating Our Ultimate Enemy, Facing Our Greatest Fear
 - Jesus - Conquering Our Ultimate Enemy
 - #1 - The Roots... *Genesis 3:15-17; Romans 5:12; 6:23*
 - #2 - Jesus, Died for Our Sins... *Romans 8:1-2*
 - #3 – Therefore... *Romans 8:10-11*
 - Jesus – Confronting Our Greatest Fear
 - #1 – Believe... *John 11:25*
 - #2 – Fear Not... *John 14:1-3*
 - #3 – Speak Up... *Luke 8:39; John 17:18*

- III. The Hard Question: Why Not Me? Why Not Now?

For now, God leaves us, His Children, the Body of Christ, in a “world of pain”,
to strengthen our faith, to focus our hope,
and to demonstrate His love
to this “world in pain”.