

# SMALL GROUP Q'S

Control Issues

April 30, 2017

Luke 8:22-39

- 1.) What are some areas in your life where you like to be in control? What are some areas in your life where you REALLY like to be in control? How do you know?
- 2.) What are some areas in your life where you are regularly reminded of the reality that you are NOT in control? How do you tend to respond to that reality?
- 3.) What aspect of Jesus' power in these two stories is the most impressive or awe-inspiring to you? (NOTE: Recall his divine control over creation, spiritual evil, and tormented people.)
- 4.) The townspeople say to powerful but unpredictable Jesus, "We'd rather be in control than risk your power disrupting our lives any further ... Leave us alone!" In what area of your life does your fear sometimes lead you to push Jesus away?
- 5.) Sally Lloyd Jones puts the following question in Jesus' mouth (when he asks "Where is your faith?"): "Did you believe your fears instead of me?" How do you notice yourself believing your fears instead of Jesus?
- 6.) What's the situation in your life today where Jesus is asking you "Where is your faith?"?
- 7.) How do you see God's mercy displayed in this passage to fearful disciples, demonic Gentiles, and people who reject him? Have you marveled at Jesus today and let your fear run to him and become faith?



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