



STUDY GUIDE

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[setting it up]

Describe a time that you or a person close to you were in a season of desperation. What did you do? What came out of it?

In that season, did you experience Jesus' power and tenderness?

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 8:40-56.

In Luke 8:22-56, we see three scenes. The first scene is Jesus calming the storm on the sea of Galilee, proving that Jesus is powerful over the physical realm. The second scene is Jesus casting out a legion of demons, proving that Jesus is powerful over the spiritual realm. The third scene we see that Jesus is powerful over the human realm, the realm of both body and soul.

Of the three realms that Jesus is powerful over, which is hardest for you to believe that Jesus is powerful over? Why?

Are there Bible verses that come to mind that remind us of God's power and strength? Share those with the group.

In verse 48, Jesus does three things after he heals the woman. First, he draws her in by calling her daughter. Second, he lifts her up by commending her faith, thus elevating her spiritual and physical status. Third, he sends her out by blessing her. This seems to be a model that Jesus uses throughout his ministry.

When we think of areas of growth in our lives, how can we apply this three-fold pattern to our lives? To the lives of our children or grandchildren? To those we want to lead to Christ?

Both of these people fell at Jesus' feet in desperation. What does falling at Jesus' feet look like for you?

Pastor Josh talked about becoming or staying desperate through fasting, Bible reading, and prayer. How are you doing in these areas? Is there a pattern in your life you need to start or stop?

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[living it out]

Spend some extended time of prayer using Isaiah 66:2.

If there is someone in the group going through a severe season of desperation, lay hands on that person and pray for them.