

Understanding Jesus: What Does Jesus Want with You?

“What do you want with me, Jesus?” Have you ever asked this question of Jesus? Maybe it’s a question you are asking now. In Luke 8:22 Jesus made it clear that he wanted to go to the other side of the lake. Though it wasn’t stated there, it becomes clear that there was something He wanted to do on the other side of the lake. Rather, there was SOMEONE for whom he wanted to do something. What Jesus wanted with this person was to bring life transforming salvation. In this encounter, we continue to gain more understanding of who Jesus is and what He wants with us. May we be fully open to all of it!

Read Luke 8:26-39

1. How would you describe the man that Jesus and the disciples encounter when they arrive to the shore? What is he experiencing? How had the demonic world affected this man’s life?
2. What insights does this passage give us about the spiritual realm?
3. What does this passage teach us about Jesus?
4. Why do you think Jesus doesn’t let the man follow him (vv. 38-39)?
5. What are some of the “great things” that this man would likely have shared with his fellow townspeople regarding what Jesus did for him?

6. How do the people who live in this area respond to Jesus? Why?

7. We have been commanded to be witnesses of Jesus (Acts 1:8). In other words, like the man we have been called to speak of the great things Jesus has done for us. As you think about the idea of describing what great things God has done for you (v. 39), what are some stories that you could tell to the people in your life who might not yet know Jesus?

Sam said:

If you are already a follower of Jesus, I want you to do at least one of these three things this week:

- Pick one person that you know that does believe in Jesus, and commit to praying for them for 5 minutes a day each day next week. Write that person's name down somewhere.
- Spend some time reflecting on one story of when you felt connected to God in some way. Review that story in your mind and your heart to be sure you are ready to share it with someone else.
- Go and tell someone what God has done for you. Be bold. Pick one person this week and simply share something you love about God. You might be surprised how interested they are to hear it, and what impact it might make on their own journey with Christ.

8. Which step are you going to take this week?

Practicing the Rhythms of Rooted this Week

Daily Devotion | Prayer | Repentance | Sacrificial Generosity | Serve the Community | Share Your Story | Worship



Daily Devotion: Return to this passage several times this week and continue to meditate on what it reveals about Jesus.



Repentance: One of the ways we can open ourselves up to attack from the enemy is through unrepentance (i.e. walking in darkness; walking in sin). And so, set aside a time this week to sit before God and ask him to search your life and show you any possible areas of sin that you need to confess. Confess and repent of that sin. Ask Jesus to help you fully turn to him in that area of your life.