

Bethel Church Community Groups :: Week of 4/9/17

Luke 8.26-39

1. [WARM-UP/OPTIONAL] What's your favorite Easter candy or food and why?
2. [CONTENT] Read Luke 8.26-39
 - a. As a group discuss your observations of what we learn about God here.
 - b. What do we learn about us?
 - c. Each character(s) in the story react in certain ways to encountering Jesus.
 - i. How are they different?
 - ii. How are they the same?
3. [CONTENT] The man's response in vv38-39 are pretty powerful (no doubt you've talked about that a little bit already in the previous question).
 - a. What was his motivation in engaging in disciple-making in his context?
 - i. How does this help us find motivation for making disciples in our own lives?
 - b. What does it look like for us to "make disciples" in our context today?
 - c. If you were to start obeying the words of Jesus to this man in your life this week, what would that look like?
4. [LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER] Skip ahead in Luke and read Jesus' and Peter's conversation in Luke 9.18-27.
 - a. Here marks the turning point in Christ's ministry to begin heading to the cross. What key things does he point to that must categorize "the Messiah's" life and ministry?
 - b. vv23-27 are usually verses we don't attach to vv21-23. How do these 2 sections work together and build on one another?
 - c. How are vv23-27 instructive to us on how to live?
 - i. What does it mean to "follow Jesus" today?
 - ii. What does it mean to "pick up your cross DAILY"?
5. [APPL] What's one thing you'll do this week to obey something God has convicted you of during your time together.
6. [APPL] For prayer this week open up to John 17.13-26. This is Jesus' prayer before he was arrested prior to going to the cross. Look it over and as you see things there that he prays, thank God for realities he points to, and pray for the things he prays for in as much detail as comes to mind.
 - a. As the Spirit leads also go to him in thankfulness pondering all he went through on the cross for us. Pray and thank Him for these things as well as you feel led.