



Sermon Small Group Discussion Questions  
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## Jesus the Deliverer

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**Luke 8:26-39**

### BIG IDEA

Jesus steps into enemy territory and shows he is the one who calls the shots.  
Jesus is Lord. One must decide to run from him or follow him.



## FOR STARTERS

1. Open your time in prayer. Have someone pull out the bulletin notes and summarize the main points of the message. If you did listen to the message, share one thought that was meaningful to you. Also make sure you read through the passage—**Luke 8:26-39**. If you are doing a personal study, jot down your thoughts below—write out the main points and one thing that was meaningful to you.



## DIG INTO BIBLE

2. Read through the passage and write out below the observations you have. Try to answer the who, what, when, where, and why of the passage. Write out any observations on the context—what is going on? What are the key words and ideas? What is the tone? What do we learn about Jesus?



# STUDY AND APPLY

3. While modern skeptics of the Bible dismiss demon possession as a primitive way to describe psychic or social disorders, the Bible does not accommodate this superstition—it clearly affirms there is a spirit world. Read **Ephesians 6:10-20**. What do you learn about the spirit world? How can we practically fight against these powers?
4. Look at these verses to see the names given for Satan which describe the roles he tries to play in our lives. Write out or discuss with your group the different facets of his character and what they mean for us as believers battling against him.  
**Revelation 12:10; 1 Peter 5:8; John 8:44; Revelation 12:9; 1 Thessalonians 3:5.**
5. Jesus won each battle against Satan during His earthly ministry (**Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:21-28; 5:1-20**). But the ultimate victory occurred at the cross (**Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 2:14**). Now, Jesus offers to rescue us from spiritual powers and darkness (**Ephesians 2:1-5; 1 John 4:4**). Look up a few of these passages and discuss what stands out to you. How can this motivate us in our struggle with sin and the devil?
6. While the people in today's passage begged Jesus to go, other cities that Jesus visited begged Him to stay with them (**Luke 4:42; John 4:40**). What did the people in Luke 8 fear so much that they asked Jesus to leave? Have you ever felt this way about God or known anyone who does? How do you overcome this?

## Next steps: "I will" statements...

In light of what we have studied today...what is a specific step of obedience to Jesus you can take in your battle against temptation, evil, or discouragement?

I will...

In light of what we learned about Jesus today...who is someone who is in despair, pain, or hurt that He is calling you to pray for or serve? To whom would Jesus send you to share what God has done for you? What would you tell them?

I will...