JESUS PLANTS FAITH IN HIS DISCIPLES

Matthew 8:18–34

Key Verse: 8:26

1. Why was Jesus trying to get away from the crowd? (18,23) Who spoke to him, what did he say, and why? (19) How did Jesus answer him? (20) What did he mean? Why do you think Jesus told him this? What do his words mean to us?
2. Who else spoke to Jesus, what did he say, and why? (21) How did Jesus answer? (22) What spiritual lesson was he teaching them and us?
3. How does the author describe the situation? (24) What does Jesus’ sleeping during such a storm show about him?
4. How did the disciples react to that same situation? (25) What did Jesus say to them? (26a) What was he teaching them? What did he do, and what happened? (26b) How did the disciples respond? (27) What did they learn about Jesus through this? What spiritual lesson about faith should we learn through this event?
5. When he finally reached the other side of the lake, whom did Jesus encounter, and how are they described? (28) What did they say to him? (29) How was their way of thinking about Jesus correct, and yet twisted? What did the demons want? (30–31)
6. How did Jesus respond to their demand, and what happened? (32) Why did he not hesitate to sacrifice that entire herd of pigs to save those two men? How did those tending the pigs, as well as the townspeople, react? (33–34) In what sense did they lack faith? What did Jesus want his disciples and us to learn through this?