



Sunday 15th September 2024
Following Jesus into the storm (Matthew 8:18-27)

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Questions for our midweek Growth Groups and personal reflection

1. Following Jesus wherever he goes

Read Matthew 8:18-22.

What do you think was the motive of the teacher of the law's enthusiastic proclamation to follow Jesus?

Was Jesus harsh in his response to the second man's hesitation in following Jesus?

When might people either need to be slowed down or sped up in their response to following Jesus?

2. Following Jesus into the storm

Read Matthew 8:23-27.

What faith did the disciples show in v.23?

Does it sometimes feel like Jesus is sleeping when during storms in our lives? How does keeping in mind the storm Jesus went through on the cross help us to trust that he is not distant from our pain?

Ultimately, what authority did Jesus display over the wind and waves?

3. Following Jesus to the other side

"Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea." (Revelation 21:1)

What does this verse mean in the context of today's story?

So, whilst we head towards the other side of the lake, how do we ensure that we don't waste our sufferings, but grow in Christ even in the midst of them?

We're going to spend some time together praying, using the book, "5 Things to Pray for Suffering Friend."

