

WHO IS THIS MAN?

MAIN TAKEAWAY

We need to have faith in the authority and power of Jesus—the One who stepped into our storm and darkness so we can have light and life. Those who hear and do the Word of God will have a sustained awe and renewed perspective.

INTRODUCTION

When was the last time you were awestruck? What happened?

What may cause us to lose awe and wonder with faith?

UNDERSTANDING

READ LUKE 8:16-21

***The Secret to Sustained Awe.* How does the way that someone receives the Word of God eventually show up in how they live?**

Pastor Jonathan explained, “The way you keep your awe alive is by actively receiving and sharing the light you’ve been given.” What are some reasons why the light may seem dim at times? How does receiving and sharing the good news of Jesus influence your awe?

How does hearing God’s Word sustain awe? How should Christians “take heed” to how they hear, and how does such hearing lead to action (v.18, 21)?

READ LUKE 8:22-25

***Storms That Reset.* Like the disciples, how do storms expose what we really trust? How do they reset our perspectives (Daniel 3:17–18)?**

Pastor Jonathan said, “Every storm we face is an invitation to trust the One who commands the wind to obey Him.” If the storm didn’t reveal how powerful the wind was, what did it reveal?

Jesus endured the greatest storm: dying for our sin. How does the cross assure us that Jesus is bigger than any storm?

READ LUKE 8:26-39

***The Awe of Deliverance.* How does the demon-possessed man illustrate the power of evil? How does his deliverance reveal the power of Jesus (John 10:10)?**

Jesus stepped into our darkness so we could be forgiven, restored, and become children of God. How does the cross assure us of Christ's victory over the enemy?

Pastor Jonathan explained, "The man who sat in spiritual and physical darkness became a lampstand." How does this demonstrate the way that evangelism keeps awe alive (v.39)?

APPLICATION

What is the light you are currently shining for? How are you actively receiving and sharing the light of Jesus?

How are you receiving the Word of God, and how is that showing up in the way that you live? How can your hearing improve?

This chapter emphasizes the power of Jesus in the storm and the authority of Jesus over the enemy. How does this cause you to answer the question, "Who is this man?"

Whether in a storm or in darkness, in what ways do you need to look to Jesus to experience His power and authority?

PRAYER

Give thanks for Jesus' authority and power—for who He is and what He does. Pray for sustained awe and renewed perspective. Pray for those in your group who are going through a storm or spiritual warfare. Rejoice in the light and life that only Jesus provides.