

Luke Chapter 8 (NIV)

Directions: - Let the whole chapter be read first time you come together to study this chapter so that everyone could participate fully. Thereafter, the class may then be reading recommended verses as needed when answering the questions. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.

Read and summarize the chapter <u>section by section</u>. Read each section and summarize it before moving to the discussion questions below. Let everyone participate in the reading. (*The Parable of the Sower – Vs. 1-15; A Lamp on a Stand – Vs. 16-18; Jesus' Mother and Brothers – Vs. 19-21; Jesus Calms the Storm – Vs. 22-25; Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man – Vs. 26-39; Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman – 40-56).*

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Describe some of the women who went with the twelve apostles. *Do you think that women are doing enough to help in the ministry/church of today?*
- 2. Explain the parable of the Sower and the Seed. What lesson does it teach us as young people still dependent of our parents?
- 3. What point was Jesus making when he talked about the lamp?
- 4. Why did Jesus ask the apostles where their faith was?
- 5. What happened to the pigs on Gerasene?
- 6. Why was Jesus asked to leave Gerasene?
- 7. Why do you suppose Jesus didn't bring the man he saved with him?

- 8. How did Jesus know the woman with the hemorrhage touched him?
- 9. Why was Jesus ridiculed?
- 10. Why do you suppose Jesus ordered the parents not to say anything?

Answer Key - Chapter 8

- 1. Describe some of the women who went with the twelve apostles. *Mary Magdalene*, who was cured of demon possession, Joanna, wife of Chuza, and a woman named Susanna. (On the second part of the question, examples should be given to back every opinion).
- 2. Explain the parable of the Sower and the Seed. The seeds that fell on the edge of the path are those weak in faith who are carried off by the devil, those who fell on the rock are those who were enthusiastic at first, but soon lost interest and were not able to put in roots. Those who fell in the weeds were chocked by worries of not having money. Those grown in rich soil have the Word in their hearts and the desire to share it with others. (On the second part of the question, examples should be given to back every opinion).
- 3. What point was Jesus making when he talked about the lamp? *Nothing is hidden, and everything will eventually be brought to light.*
- 4. Why did Jesus ask the apostles where their faith was? *He was sleeping during a storm at sea, and the apostles panicked instead of having the faith that Jesus would save them.*
- 5. What happened to the pigs on Gerasene? *Jesus ordered demons out of a man and into the pigs. The pigs ran down a cliff and into a lake and drowned.*
- 6. Why was Jesus asked to leave Gerasene? *The people in town were scared when they heard about Jesus driving demons out of the man.*
- 7. Why do you suppose Jesus didn't bring the man he saved with him? *Perhaps he wanted him to stay behind and continue to share how Jesus saved him.*
- 8. How did Jesus know the woman with the hemorrhage touched him? *He felt the power come out of Him.*
- 9. Why was Jesus ridiculed? He was ridiculed because they didn't believe Him when he said the girl wasn't dead, that she was simply sleeping.
- 10. Why do you suppose Jesus ordered the parents not to say anything? *Perhaps he was afraid if everyone knew, he wouldn't be able to travel from town to town spreading the Word because the crowds asking for healing would be too large.*