

# Foster City Campus – January 14, 2018



Keeping Jesus at a Safe Distance - Darren Larson

Matthew 8: 23-34

1. Read out loud and carefully Matthew 8:23-34.
2. What does it look like for Jesus to have authority and power over the natural and supernatural worlds? Why is this important in Matthew's Gospel, and why is it important today?
3. In these verses Jesus shows his love and concern for different types of people: (1) His disciples, and (2) The demoniacs. What do we learn about Jesus' care and concern for people here?
4. What does it mean that people try to keep Jesus at a "safe distance" in their lives? How have you been keeping Jesus at a "safe distance" (consider your family life, career, financial security, and/or your church involvement)?
5. What steps do you need to take this week in order to allow Jesus to have authority in your life and submit to Him?



Matthew 8: 23-34 - Dominic Rivera

1. What do you find to be the most fascinating aspect of Jesus calming the storm (v.23-27)? Why?
2. Why does Jesus question the fear of the disciples? Should they not have been afraid?
3. Through the leper (v.1-4) and the centurion (v.5-13), how has Matthew described faith in chapter eight?
4. In light of your answer to the question above, what was lacking in the faith of the disciples (v.26)?
5. What is significant about the declaration of the demons that Jesus is the "Son of God" (v.29)?
6. Why do you think the town people asked Jesus to leave?
7. What did you learn about the character Jesus from reading these two stories?
8. How can you apply what you learned to your life this week?