“WHAT IS YOUR NAME?”

Luke 8:26–39

Key Verse: 8:30a

1. Note where they sail; find out what you can about this place (26; see a map).
2. As soon as Jesus steps out on land, who meets him, and what is he like (27)? When the man sees Jesus, what does he do, and why (28–29a)? How else is his life described (29b)? How do these details help us understand the nature of demons?
3. What does Jesus ask him, and what do you think is the purpose of this question (30a)? How is Jesus treating him differently from how others had? What is tragic about the man’s answer (30b)? How can Jesus’ question help us today?
4. Note how the demons beg Jesus; what is the contrast here between them and him (31–32)? What is the significance of the words “he gave them permission” (32b)?
5. Note what happens and how the herdsmen respond (33–34). When people go out to see, what do they find (35)? What do they learn from the eyewitnesses (36)? In the end, how do they react, what does Jesus do, and why (37)?
6. What does the healed man do, and what does Jesus tell him instead (38–39a)? Why do you think Jesus tells him this? How does the man respond (39b)?