

▼ **Luke 8: Jesus Calms the Storm**

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▼ **Opening Material**

▼ Welcome!

- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

▼ Transition

- Welcome to another Sunday at Life Church.
- The QR code links to our Visitor Landing Page.
- Use it to access our notes, share your contact information, and access our giving page.
- Questions? If you took the time to visit us, you deserve to get answers!
- Email: Questions@LifeChurchBoston.ORG
- We are continuing through Luke 8.
- Life groups will meet after the message.

▼ **Feeding on the Life of Jesus**

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- As you read, write down any questions you have.

▼ Ask yourself the following questions:

- What did this chapter teach me about how Jesus viewed himself, his mission, his relationship to God, and his relationship to others?

- What would I like to better understand about this chapter?
- What did I find challenging about this chapter?
- What did I learn as I tried to apply this chapter to my life?
- Would an outsider who read this chapter recognize that I was trying to apply it to my life?

▼ Jesus explained his teaching to his disciples:

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. – Mark 4:33-34 (NIV)

- Did you grow up in church without getting your questions answered?
- Did you grow up apart from church wondering what all the fuss was about?
- Either way, don't be afraid to start from scratch or start over from scratch with someone who can walk you through the Bible so that you can understand God's Kingdom.
- Read and listen to God's Word in community!

▼ **Thoughts**

- Storms and Health Challenges

▼ **Overview**

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▶ **Luke 8:1-15 (NIV) - The Parable of the Soils**

▶ **Luke 8:16-18 (NIV) - A Lamp on a Stand**

▶ **Luke 8:19-21 (NIV) - Jesus' Mother and Brothers**

▼ **Lessons from last week.**

▼ Don't let the wrong priorities keep you from reproducing disciples. - Parable of the Soils

▼ Produce disciples by persevering:

- Build team relationships.
- Build godly habits. Turn those habits into skills. Be effective in ministry.

▼ Lessons - Lamp on a Stand

- Listen carefully so that you can do something with what you hear.

▼ Lessons - Jesus' Mother and Brothers

- Put God's Word into practice.

▼ **Luke 8:22-25 (NIV) - Jesus Calms the Storm**

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He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

“Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

▼ Parallel / Related Passages

- **Matthew 8:23-27 (NIV) Jesus Calms the Storm**

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

- **Mark 4:35-41 (NIV) Jesus Calms the Storm**

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

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He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

- **Job 38:1-11 (NIV) God and the Storm**

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▼ Jesus Calms the Storm

▼ Narrative

- Jesus initiates the trip across the lake.
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- The disciples wake Jesus and tell him they're in danger.
- Jesus rebukes the wind and the waters.
- The storm ends and he asks the disciples "Where is your faith?"
- The disciples ask one another who Jesus is that he operates with such authority.

▼ Observations

- As a full human, Jesus needed rest. He was sleeping deeply.
- Storms often spring up unexpectedly.
- The disciples apparently tried initially to manage things without waking Jesus.
- ▼ The disciples' reaction has two components:
 - They wake Jesus.
 - They tell him that they are perishing.
- Jesus is disappointed by the disciples' lack of faith.
- Based on the disciples' reaction at the end of the story, this is apparently the first time they've seen Jesus do this.

▼ Lessons

- Jesus is the focus of God's activity on earth.
- Being fully human, Jesus needed rest. He was sleeping deeply.
- Storms often spring up unexpectedly at times when God seems to be "sleeping".
- ▼ Why was Jesus disappointed?
 - The disciples had no past basis for expecting Jesus to rebuke the storm.
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- Jesus demonstrates divine authority over the wind and the waves. - Job 38:1-11

- ▼ Should we be rebuking storms and waves? Does Jesus expect us to operate this way?
 - Most of the signs and wonders which we read about in the Gospels and Acts and to which we sometimes aspire happen in the context of apostolic ministry.
 - Most of us are not apostles!
 - The setting in which most believers can expect to operate in faith, healing, and miracles is the coming together of small gatherings of believers as describes in 1 Corinthians 12 - 14.
- ▼ How should we deal with storms?
 - ▼ When storms arise in our own lives we should run to Jesus.
 - Don't come to him in fear that we will be destroyed.
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 - Even if we are afraid however, we should still come to him!
 - ▼ Storms also arise in the lives of other Christians we know.
 - How will we respond?
 - Storms also arise in the lives of unchurched people we know. How will we respond?
 - ▼ they are likely at one of five thresholds:
 - Pre-trust
 - Trust
 - Curiosity
 - Open to Change
 - Seeking
 - How would you respond to someone else's storm based on what threshold they were at?

▼ Video

- [Sam Chand: The 4 Levels of People You Need to Understand](#) – YouTube (00:03:18)

▼ Training

- Big Blueprint
- ▼ What level are you at?
 - Wanderer
 - Follower
 - Achiever
 - Leader

▼ **Life Group**

▼ **Welcome (5 - 10 minutes)**

- [Icebreaker](#)

- **Worship (optional for life group meetings during Sunday service)**

▼ **Word - Discussion Questions**

For each question, spend 1 – 2 minutes in silence before you begin to respond.

- What did this passage mean to the people who first received it?
- What does this passage mean to you?
- How will you apply this passage this coming week?

▼ **Witness**

How will we work together as a team to be "good news" to the people around us?

- Review the “Big Blueprint” diagram. Do you have any questions?
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Luke 8:1-15 NIV) – The Soils (1 of 4)



After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.



Luke 8:1-15 NIV – The Soils (2 of 4)



While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: **“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”**



Luke 8:1-15 NIV The Soils (3 of 4)



When he said this, he called out, **“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”**

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, **“The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,**

“ ‘though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’



Luke 8:1-15 NIV The Soils (4 of 4)



“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.



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 - How will we respond?



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How should we deal with storms? (continued)

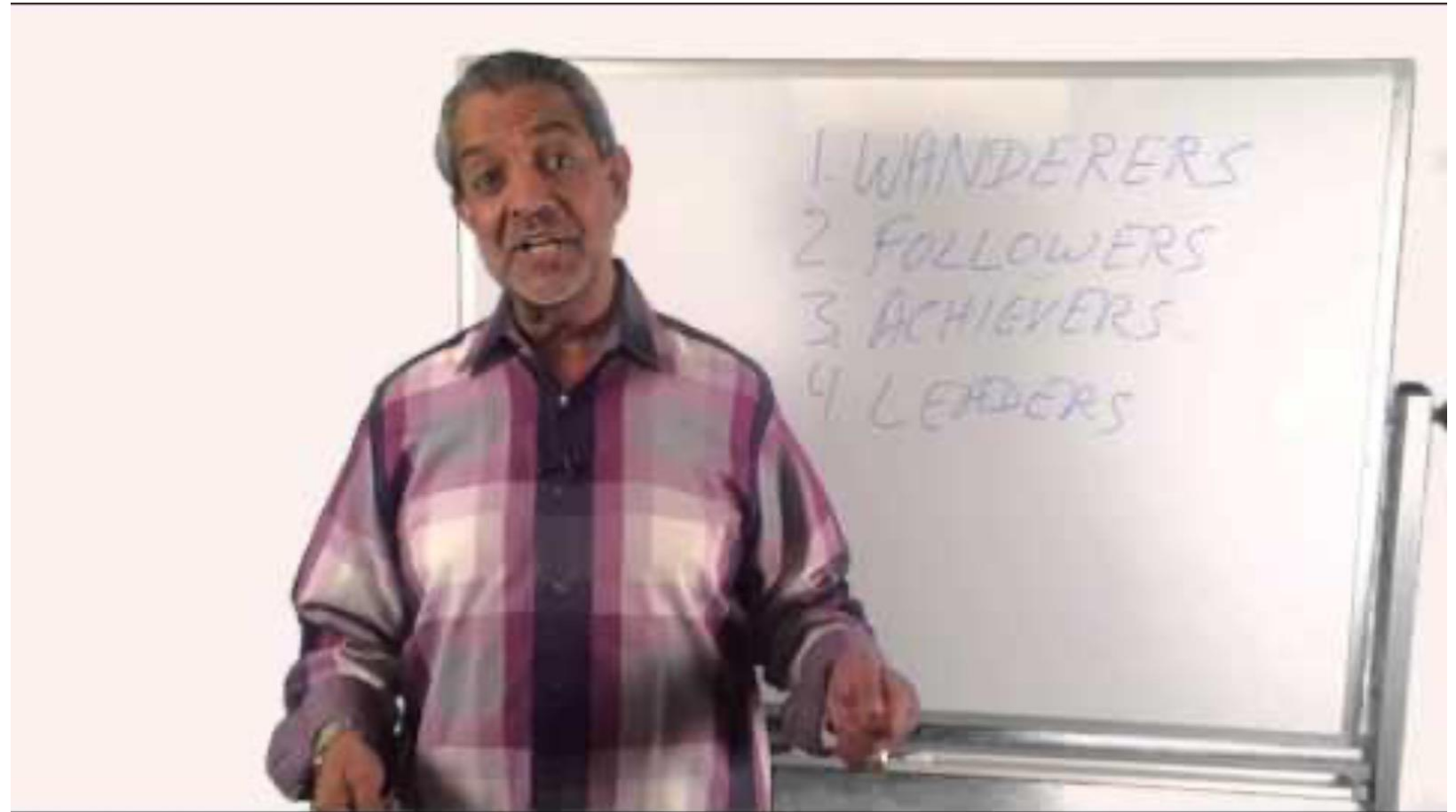
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Four Levels Of People

1. Wanderers
2. Followers
3. Achievers
4. Leaders





Training

Big Blueprint

What level are you at?

- Wanderer
- Follower
- Achiever
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Life Groups



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Announcements



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- Sunday Service August 11, 2024
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- Sunday Service August 25, 2024
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