

“Who is this?”

From the series on the Gospel of Luke entitled “the red letters”
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In a large group...

1. Describe someone you enjoy being with. Why are they a joy? (after everyone’s answer, ask “What was missing from these descriptions?”)

In small groups (4-6)...

Observation

2. Read Luke 8:40-56. List the cast of characters in this passage.

3. Describe the posture towards Jesus of each of them.

Interpretation

4. What is Christ’s goal in these events? Does he have one? How can we know what it might be?

5. Is his goal good news for us? Why?

6. If Jesus is sovereign over demons (v. 26-39), sickness and death... why doesn’t he deliver you (or those close to you) from your pain and struggle?

Application

7. Why is it critical for us to understand Jesus’ goals in our suffering?

8. Why is it critical to see Jesus own suffering in the midst of our suffering?

Prayer: Read Luke 8:9-19 and let it be a guide to pray for the person on your right.