

*It Started with Twelve #3*

## The Power of Discipleship

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

Luke 8:22-25

#### Sermon Outline

1. The Power of Jesus' Words (v. 22-23a)
2. The Powerlessness of Our Words (23b-24a)
3. The Power of Jesus' Actions (v. 24b)
4. The Powerlessness of Our Actions (v. 25)

#### Discussion Questions

1. Every year, our country is devastated by natural calamities. Where were you during typhoon Ondoy, or the more recent habagat that flooded Metro Manila? How did these destructive rains affect you? How do you feel when you hear news of seasonal monsoons or typhoons?
2. Luke 8:22-25 tells us how the disciples went through a storm while on a boat with Jesus. Read the passage and discuss how Jesus reacted to the rising storm (v. 23). How did the disciples respond to the turn of events in spite of the fact that it was Jesus Himself who told them that they were going to cross over to the other side of the lake? Did they have problems about trusting His word?
3. People think they have lots of power, but when storms hit them they realize that they are powerless. Describe how the disciples realized the powerlessness of their words in contrast to Jesus' words when He stilled the storm. How are you guilty of being skeptical about His word and promises in the scripture?
4. What did Jesus ask the disciples after He calmed the storm (v. 25)? What emotions overwhelmed these disciples?
5. No one is exempted from experiencing the storms of life. Every person experiences problems, and a lot of people think that they can solve these problems by themselves. Without going into details, could you share with the group how you react when "storms" happen in your life?

6. Do you learn something from the problems that you go through? Do these life lessons transform you?
7. God is sovereign. He reins over the world and is in control of everything, even in our personal callings. When with simple words Jesus immediately calmed the wind and the waves, He showed us that He can definitely calm whatever storms we may face. What can you do now to build your trust in Jesus so that next time you go through "storms" in life, you will not feel so overwhelmed, but instead can confidently sing, "With Christ in my vessel, I can smile at the storm!"?
8. In what way can you show your dependence in Jesus' power and ability to transform His people?

### Walk

In this journey of discipleship, we live in the weakness of who we truly are, but we also live in the power of the Almighty Son of God. How do you plan to act on this truth?

### Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

- Pray for commitment and cooperation of the GCCP congregation to promote authentic biblical community in and through the LifeGroups.
- Pray for more church lay leaders to be raised and trained to do God's work.
- Pray for wisdom and good health for Rev. Stephen Tan. Pray for church growth & strengthening through the preaching of God's Word on discipleship.
- Pray for wisdom and good health for Dr(s). Paul and Christine Tan as they prepare for the Bible Land Pilgrimages.
- Pray for more spiritual blessings and effectiveness of Grace Christian College to fulfill the Great Commission.
- Pray for healing of Ernesto Go, EB, VCL, Margarita Ong, Dustin, Arnold Co, Benito Tan, Timothy Ong, Lucina Tan, LCT, Julie Clarisse Macalalad, Benson Tan, Jeanlyn.
- Pray for comfort, healing, and provision for cancer patients: SL, Susie Yu, Jack Shia, Segundo Yu, Isabel.