

# SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 3/17/13

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## Getting in the Boat with Jesus Matt. 8.18-34

**Purpose of SG:** to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

**2013 Annual Focus:** Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

**Announcements:** (1) Study (6 mo.)/Serve (9 mo.)/Worship switch...Where are you signed up? and (2) 4,000 Steps.

### SG Discussion Questions:

What do you think would be your typical neighbor's answer to this question, "What does it mean to be a Christian?" If you changed it to, "What does it mean to someone who follows Christ?", do you think it would change the answer much?

Read 8.18-22. Why is Jesus so harsh to these disciples? What does he reveal about what He asks of His followers? Which of these 2 answers is more important for you to heed and why?

Read 8.23-37. How do you explain Jesus' response to His disciples? What is the main lesson He wants them to learn? How ought this affect our faith?

Read 8.28-34. Again, what is the main lesson from this story? How ought this affect our faith?

What is the cumulative effect of these 2 stories on your faith? In what situations can these lessons be applied for you? What does it mean for you to "get in the boat" and follow Jesus more fully?