

Jesus and the man with Demons – Mark 5:1-20

Ideas for an intro

When I look at my life, I remember past failures, struggles I still have as well as rough patches in my life. If I'm not careful, it could be easy to get carried away by dark thoughts and memories of the past. Some people would call these my 'personal demons'. This session covers what happens when Jesus interacts with a person who has actual demons.

A Biblical Passage to focus on

- Read Mark 5:1-20

A short devotional based on that Biblical passage

1. When Jesus steps out of the boat, what immediately happens? (v. 2)
2. What are several things we learn about this man? (v. 3-5)
3. When this man encounters Christ, what does he do? (v. 6-7)
4. According to verse 8, what is a reason why this man did this?
5. What does Jesus ask? (v. 9)
6. What are some of the things that these demons beg and ask for? (v. 10-12)
7. According to verses 6-13, what does this tell us about Jesus?
8. How many pigs were there? (v. 13)
9. What happened to the demon possessed man? (v. 15)
10. How did the crowd respond? (v. 16-17)
11. What did the formerly demon possessed man want to do? (v. 18)
12. What did Jesus tell him to do? (v. 19)
13. What happens with this man? (v. 20)

Brainstorming questions for you and your team

1. What are some issues/demons that affect you personally? Your team? Your Ministry/Club?
2. What are some issues/demons that affect the people you are trying to minister to?
3. According to this passage, what do we learn about Christ's authority and power?
4. How can that encourage you?
5. What are some ways that you can lean more on Christ?
6. Would you/your team/ your ministry/club be more like the man who was healed or the crowd? How do you know?
7. When was the last time you told someone about what God has done in your life?
8. How often does your team/ministry/club share about what God does?
9. What are some ways that your team/ministry/club make this a regular habit?

Application Concepts

1. List all God has saved you from
2. List ways to remind yourself and your team/ministry/club of Christ and his power.
3. Set a plan for regular times to share what God has done and is doing

This week's Holy Experiment...or ask God for another

1. Share about what God has done in your life with someone who doesn't know.