

Jesus is Bigger than Evil

Mark 5:1-20

Ice Breaker: Is it easier to talk about Jesus with someone who doesn't know you (on the other side of the world), or with someone who knows you really well? Why?

Big Idea: After Jesus breaks the power of evil in the demon-possessed man's life – Jesus sends the man back home: restoring him to his family, and commissioning him to be a witness among those who already knew him.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Mark 5:1-5. What was the community's solution to dealing with this demon-possessed man? Why? What does this tell us about the enemy's power?
- 2) Read Mark 5:6-13. How does the enemy's power compare to the power of Jesus? What does the death and destruction of the pigs tell us about the enemy's endgame?
- 3) Read Mark 5:14-17. How does the community respond to this miracle of healing? Why? How would you have responded to this miracle if you were part of this community?
- 4) Read Mark 5:18-20. How does Jesus respond to the pleading of the community and the pleading of the healed man? Why does Jesus respond this way (to each request)?
- 5) What do you think it would have been like for this previously demon-possessed man to walk back into his hometown and interact with people who knew him only as Legion? What kind of witness for Jesus do you think his story became?
- 6) With whom might Christ be calling you to share the story of His work in your life? Family members? Friends? Neighbors? Co-workers? Those who already know you? Spend some time sharing with each other those people to whom Jesus might be calling you. Then pray for each other as you seek to reach out to them.