



DISCUSSION GUIDE

OCTOBER 23, 2022

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

Did you grow up hearing about angels and demons? If so, what were you taught about demons?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

⁹ Then Jesus demanded, "What is your name?"

And he replied, "My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man." ¹⁰ Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

- This story includes a bit of humor: Unclean spirits kill a large group of unclean animals! Jewish believers get a good laugh when reading this one! Can you feel the joyous triumph in this story? What other feelings surface as you read this story?
- From Mark's brief introduction to the Garasene man, what have the demons done to this man's life? What have they taken from him? (Can anyone relate?)
- What facts can we learn about demons from this story? (Try to list 5 or more). How does this information help us in our battle against them?
- The Garasene man was "dressed and in his right mind" after Jesus expelled the demons. What does this reveal about the work of Jesus?
- The previous chapter includes the story of how Jesus calmed the sea of Galilee. What are the similarities between the Garasene man and the storm? What is similar about how the townspeople react in chapter 5 and how the disciples react to Jesus calming the storm in chapter 4? What is Mark teaching us about Jesus by putting these stories together?

Do Big

- Do you know anyone (or a group of people) who has been dehumanized and ostracized from relationships? What can you do to restore their dignity and ensure this person or group is brought back into a loving community?
- Where are demons creating chaos in your life? What does it look like to choose the path of peace?



LEADERS

Read Text: Mark 5:1-20

Background:

Demons are up to evil. Demons distort that which is good. This is clearly evident in Mark 5 when we meet a man possessed by demons. These demons (fallen angels) are deceitful beings, who disturb peace and harmony in creation.

Key Thoughts

We do not blame God for evil. God created demons not as demons but as angels. These fallen angels rebelled against God and chose the path of evil in league with the adversary, Satan. (Rev 12:9). You also have a choice before you between obedience to God (goodness) and rebellion to God (evil).

Challenge

November 6 is just around the corner!

November 6 is Power Up Sunday where North Boulevard will host abbreviated services before sending small groups to pray around the county. Make sure to share all the details with your group, including where they will be meeting to pray! Visit northboulevard.com/events for more info!

Weekly Memory Verse

A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. **Mark 5:15**

