

## Study It

What was life like for the demonized man before he met Jesus (5:2-5)?

How did Jesus help this demonically tormented man (5:8-15)?

Why did Jesus deny the man's request (5:18-20)?

What was the difference between witnesses sharing the news of this event (5:14-17) and the man sharing the news (5:20)?

## Get It

What do we learn about Jesus and His heart for people from this account?

How does the man's actions after Jesus delivered him from demon-possession serve as an example to us?

Why did the people of this region oppose Jesus?

How had they been affected by Jesus act of mercy?

Where and how is opposition to Jesus expressed in our culture?

Why do people need to hear more than the facts of the gospel message?

What do people in your life need to hear about Jesus?

## Live It

Make a list of the things the Lord has done for you and ways He has shown you mercy.

Share one aspect of your story with one neighbor, coworker, family member or friend.

## Studies in the Gospel of Mark

*"Jesus Serves by Encouraging Faith"*

Mark 4:35 – 5:43

Sunday, February 10, 2019

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

## Sermon Proposition

Jesus serves us by encouraging faith in four ways.

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Discussion Guide  
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Mark 5:1-20 (NIV)

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*They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup>This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup>For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. <sup>7</sup>He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" <sup>8</sup>For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!" <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." <sup>10</sup>And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. <sup>11</sup>A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. <sup>12</sup>The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." <sup>13</sup>He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. <sup>14</sup>Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup>When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. <sup>17</sup>Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. <sup>18</sup>As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup>Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup>So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.*

### Open It

Think of a time when you had big news or great news to share. What was the news and who did you share it with?