

CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read 5:1-20. This man was bound by more than chains, and Christ set him free. What kinds of things has Christ freed you from?
- 4) Jesus sends this man back to his own people: to testify about what God had done for him. Have you practiced giving your testimony? How comfortable are you sharing it with others?
- 5) The rest of Mark 5 tells about Jesus performing miraculous healings. How do these stories of freedom and healing inform your understanding of evangelism? How are we called to feed, heal, and set people free today?
- 6) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

Memory Passage

"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."

— Mark 5:19b (NIV)

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10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Ronda Elliot

Songs of Praise

"We Give You Glory"

"Battle Belongs"

"Come and Rest"

Prayer

Sergio Ledesma

Announcements / Greet One Another

Felisha Caldeira

Sermon

Pastor Travis

▪ *Sharing God's Mercy* ▪

Communion

Songs of Praise

"Your Will Be Done"

"Doxology"

Benediction

Mark 5:1-20 (NIV)

¹ They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ 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!” ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

⁹ Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.”¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. **19** 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.”

²⁰ 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.

Notes:

Sharing God's Mercy