



**The Gospel of Mark – Jesus the Deliverer
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Luke 4:18-19]

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come"

[John 8:36, AMP]

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (Entirely, unquestionably, and truly free).

[Mark 5:1-5]

So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he

often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

[Mark 5:6-8]

When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”

[Mark 5:9]

Then Jesus demanded, “**What is your name?**” And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.

[Mark 5:10-13]

Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.” So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

[Mark 5:14-17]

The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. 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. Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.

[Mark 5:18-20]

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. But Jesus said, “**No, go home to your own people, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.**” So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

[Mark 16:17]

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out (displace) demons; they will speak in new tongues;

Possessed: Greek scholars agree that the Greek verb **daimonizomai** should be translated "to be demonized" or "effected by a demon" rather than to be "demon possessed." There is a broad range of demonic influence represented by this one word; from being affected by or "buffeted" to being controlled by or overtaken.
- Dr. Michael Brown

[Ephesians 6:12]

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits . . ."

1. Position your life for freedom.

[James 5:16]

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Healed = Greek **iaomai ; To be healed, set free and made whole.**

2. Tell your story of freedom!

[Psalm 107:1-2]

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story. . .

Key Points:

1. Position your life for freedom.
2. Tell your story of freedom!

Applications for the Week:

This week, share your story of freedom of what Jesus has done in your life as well as to those who don't know Jesus yet. If you need prayer and desire to live in freedom, sign up for the Healing Rooms [HERE](#).

Discussion Questions

1. When have you experienced the work of Jesus being talked about in your community?
2. What does it mean to be completely free in Jesus? What are signs of complete and total freedom?
3. What is Jesus' promise to us regarding being able to live in freedom? (See John 8:36). How do you feel about those promises that nothing can keep you from His full and complete love and transformation?
4. Considering the situation of the demonized man, what can we learn from Jesus' walking in the Spirit?
5. How do we keep our spirit, soul, and body regularly healthy and available to be used by God?
6. What are some practical ways that we are to position ourselves for freedom?
(See Key Points)
7. Why is spiritual warfare a significant part of faith-filled living? (See Ephesians 6:12)
8. Why do you think Jesus left the Gerasene and never came back?
9. Have you told your story of freedom to those who share a belief in Jesus as well as to those who don't know Jesus?
10. Who is someone that you can turn to for spiritual wisdom, biblical insight, and prayer?