

THE STORY OF A

MADMAN

ADULTS & STUDENTS DISCUSSION GUIDE

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LIFE IN CHRIST IS A STORY OF LIFE CHANGE.

DISCUSS:

- MARK 5:1-20 -

- IF THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE WAS GIVEN A TITLE, WHAT WOULD IT READ? WHY?
- READ THE FOLLOWING FOUR PASSAGES AND DESCRIBE THE AREAS/THINGS THAT JESUS DISPLAYS UNIQUE POWER OVER. (MARK 4:35; 5:1-20; 5:21-34; 5:35-43). IS THIS COMFORTING TO YOU? EXPLAIN.
- PASTOR PHILLIP USED THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE MAN BEFORE HIS ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS: (1) BROKEN, (2) ISOLATED, AND (3) TORMENTED. HOW IS THIS A REFLECTION OF WHO WE ARE BEFORE CHRIST?
- ACCORDING TO MARK 5:18-20, AFTER BEGGING TO JOIN THE OTHERS IN PHYSICALLY FOLLOWING JESUS, JESUS INSTRUCTS THE MAN TO RETURN HOME AND TELL OTHERS WHAT GOD HAD DONE FOR HIM. WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS REDIRECTS THE MAN FROM HIS OWN AMBITION? WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

APPLY:

- ACCORDING TO OUR PASSAGE, JESUS CHANGED THE MADMAN'S LIFE BECAUSE (1) HE KNEW WHO HE WAS, (2) RECOGNIZED HIS CONDITION, AND (3) KNEW WHAT TO DO. WHICH ONE DO YOU SEE MOST POWERFUL IN THE STORY OF THE MADMAN'S ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS? HAVE YOU SEEN THESE STATEMENTS REFLECTED IN YOUR OWN LIFE? EXPLAIN.
- "JESUS DOES FOR THE MADMAN WHAT HE CANNOT DO FOR HIMSELF." READ JOHN 3:16 AND ROMANS 5:8. WHAT CAN WE SEE THAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US THAT WE CANNOT DO FOR OURSELVES? WHAT DO THESE VERSES SAY ABOUT GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU?
- AFTER HIS ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, THE MADMAN HAD PURPOSE AND MEANING IN LIFE. WHEN JESUS SAVES US, HE GIVES US A MISSION. READ MATTHEW 28:18-20 AND 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND MISSION THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US AS BELIEVERS?
- "OUR PERSONAL STORY OF LIFE CHANGE IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE HIDDEN IN A JOURNAL - BUT SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH THE WORLD." WHAT STORY DO YOU PERSONALLY HAVE THAT SHOULD BE SHARED?

PRAY TOGETHER:

- PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: TO REFLECT ON OUR OWN STORY OF LIFE CHANGE THROUGH JESUS AND TO BE BOLDLY OBEDIENT IN SHARING THAT STORY WITH THE WORLD.

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