

JESUS – Hope, Help, and Healing

‘Knowing Your Enemy’

Mark 5:1-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week’s sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Pastor Brent shared a reference from the extra-biblical book of Enoch. Have you ever encountered this book (or any other extra-biblical books)? How should we treat books and resources like this?

This weekend’s account (Mark 5:1-20) and last weekend’s account (4:35-41) might together make clear that the identity and authority of Jesus reigns over both the natural and supernatural world. In what ways does this take the prior teachings and encounters of Jesus to a new level? The implications for the disciples (and for us) are all of a sudden ratcheted up!

Applying

How would you describe the power and authority that Jesus holds over supernatural forces? Does this extend to his people (then, now)? How do we draw our conclusions on this matter?

What are real (not imagined or fictional) manifestations of hostile spiritual forces in our world? Recalling the power and the posture of Jesus as we have encountered thus far in Mark, what should our posture and message be in the midst of spiritual conflicts?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other? Where do you feel challenged or convicted? What can we praise God for? How can we pray for our church?