



REDEMPTION: THE MAN WITH A DEMON

BIG IDEA: Jesus is greater than the kingdom of darkness.

START THE CONVERSATION

- Are you more of a morning person or a night owl?
- Pastor Chase said the Bible traces a cosmic battle between two spiritual kingdoms. How do you see this play out in the story of the Bible?
- We just wrapped up our *Reach One* series. Have you been able to have a spiritual conversation with someone?

LOOK AT THE BOOK

- **Read Mark 5:1-5.**
 - What are some characteristics of the man with a demon in this passage? What does **v. 5** tell us about the activity of the kingdom of darkness in God's creation?
 - The story in **Mark 5** is a very vivid account of demonic oppression. However, the kingdom of darkness often works in subtle ways. How do you see darkness at work physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally in our world today?
- **Read Mark 5:6-13.**
 - Compare the actions of the demonic man with the actions of Jesus in this passage. What does this say about Jesus' authority of the kingdom of darkness? Why is this good news for us today?
- **Read Mark 5:14-20.**
 - What was the crowd's reaction to Jesus redeeming the man with a demon (**v. 17**)? What does this tell us about the people? Why didn't Jesus allow the delivered man to come with him (**v. 19-20**)?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- The activity of the kingdom of darkness is to bring physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional destruction to God's good creation. Are you suffering in one of these four areas?
- Jesus redeemed the man with a demon so that he could reach people in his city with his story. Think about what Jesus redeemed you from. Who has he called you to reach with your story?

TAKE A NEXT STEP

- Read the account of *The Man with a Demon* in **Luke 8:26-39** and see how it compares to the account in **Mark 5**.

PRAYER REQUESTS