

# Tell a Friend

## Mark 5:18-20

*“As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.” - Mark 5:18*

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### **Main Point: Believers in Christ are called to tell others about Him**

**Introduction:** Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

*What shows have you watched or products have you used that you recently told a friend about? What got you excited enough to tell somebody?*

*Some might say our faith is a private matter between you and the Lord. Where do you fall in that school of thought? Should our faith be something we tell others about?*

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Would it matter to you if someone sent you an important message -- the most important in your life -- and year after year the urgent message was never delivered? We who have heard the good news and experienced freedom through Christ are responsible to proclaim it to others still enslaved by sin. The big question for us is “Are we doing all we can to make sure that people get the message?” In our series “Share,” we’ll explore one of the biggest assignments we have as Christians - to share the message of Jesus.

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### **There are 3 steps involved in sharing our faith successfully:**

#### **1. START AT HOME. Have a volunteer read Mark 5:18-19.**

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Jesus tells the man to “Go back home to your own people.” What does home mean in this context and who would you say are your people?

In Acts 1 Jesus tells the disciples “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” What significance do these places have in communicating the scope of our witness?

How do we tend to overlook bringing the gospel of Jesus to our Jerusalem? How could you focus your efforts individually and as a group to tell others in our community about Jesus and practice doing it on a regular basis?

**2. TELL THEM ABOUT JESUS. Read Mark 5:19.**

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It's easy to share the latest self help methods or advice from Dr. Oz, but why is the person Jesus a much better solution?

Pastor Erik mentioned a study indicating the country is becoming less religious as a whole and the inverse reaction is an increase in perversion, anxiety, and depression. How has a relationship with Jesus helped you through the battles of life? How can Jesus use that specific work in your life to minister to others?

**3. TELL THEM YOUR TESTIMONY. Read Mark 5:19-20.**

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What has Jesus done for you that is worth telling others about?

How can you translate the story of your life before and after Jesus into a testimony to others when the opportunity arises? How has Christ changed your life and can you articulate what's different about it since Jesus has been in charge?

Read **John 1:40-42**. What was the significance of what Andrew did? Why do you think Simon (Peter) was willing to follow him toward Jesus? How does this apply to our faith sharing abilities?

Why is the testimony of a friend or relative more powerful than that of a stranger? How is this a better way of sharing?

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**APPLY IT:**

What has held you back from sharing Christ with others?

How does knowing it's only our job to *present* Jesus, and not *make* someone follow Him, take the pressure off of sharing? Read **1 Corinthians 3:6-7** and discuss.

**Pray:**

Ask that God would give you opportunity to share with your family and friends.

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**Coming up @ VillageChurch:**

**Discovery Class:** August 27th after 10am worship. RVSP [info@blythewoodvillage.com](mailto:info@blythewoodvillage.com)

**VGroup Fair:** August 20, 27 and Sept 10. Meet VGroup leaders and sign up for Fall semester

**Balloons and Tunes:** Friday September 22nd 6-8pm at Doko Meadows. Sign up to volunteer in the worship lobby!