

Tell Your Story

Part 3 – Sent with our Story

Mark 5.1-20

The Condition

- Death surrounded him (v.2-3)
- No natural solution to his problem (v.3-4)
 - No law, no force could deal with his issue – because it was primarily a spiritual one, manifested socially, psychologically, and physically
- Despair was his life (v.5)
 - It was the kind of despair that makes life seem like death or death as a better option

Supernatural Deliverance

- Jesus binds what no one else can (v.6-10)
 - One more time: Jesus is the hero of the story, not us
- There was a spiritual exchange and a physical death (v.11-13)
 - This exchange helps us remember a more important exchange: the cross
 - What about the pigs?
 - It was the demons, not Jesus who ran the pigs into the water
 - A demon-possessed man was delivered – liberated by the power of Jesus (perspective)

Sent with our Story

- Some people will not understand (v.14-17)
- He sends us in a direction (v.19) – “Go home”
- He sends us to a people (v.19) – “Go...to your friends”
 - 5 circles – family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, pattern
- He sends us with content (v.19) – “Go...tell them how much...mercy...”

May God grant us the same result: impact (v.20)

Questions for Discussion

1. Reread the notes about “The Condition” in the sermon outline (from v.2-5). When you hear those phrases, what is the first thing that comes into your mind? Can you think of examples of each?

2. Read Colossians 2.13-15. How does Paul describe the supernatural deliverance that Jesus brings? What does he say about the spiritual exchange? What does he say about Jesus' victory over the demonic? What is your reaction to each?
3. What is an example of a story you have told that people didn't understand? Was it serious or funny? What was the outcome (if any)?
4. God sends us with our story. Reread Mark 5.19. What is one name that fits in each of the 5 Circles of Influence that Trent mentioned in the sermon? (Family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, those in your "pattern" of life)
5. What one step do you need to take this week to Tell Your Story? Who will you say it to and ask for accountability and prayer?