

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

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Mark 5:1-20

1. Many people no longer believe in the existence of the demonic, blaming all maladies on medical, psychological, or other natural explanations. How might you respond to someone who dismisses the demonic and believes only in natural explanations for evil or suffering?
2. The accounts of the Gadarene demoniac differ significantly between Mark, Matthew, and Luke. How do you explain these differences and why shouldn't they be detrimental to your belief in God's word?
3. Read Mark 5:14-15. How did people respond when they saw the demon possessed man healed? How can/has your testimony affected people from your past?
4. Contrast the response of the herdsmen and townspeople in Luke 8:35 with the response of the disciples after Jesus calmed the wind and waves. Why might their responses have been different? How should their different kinds of responses affect the way we share the gospel?
5. It can be tempting for people, when they become Christians, to walk away from all of their old relationships and create a completely new life within the church. How does Mark 5:18-19 challenge the idea that a Christian should avoid the relationships of their past?
6. The Gadarene demoniac was an outcast man oppressed by demons, and yet Jesus had compassion on him. Where do we see outcast, oppressed, and desperate people in our world who need Christ? How can we show compassion to them?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Mark 5:19. Talk about why this man would have been so excited to tell others about Jesus.