



**2016: Week 2**

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

*"When Jesus Enters Your World,  
What Do You Do?"*

**Luke 8:38–39**

<sup>38</sup> But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging (Jesus) that he might accompany Him; but He sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> **"Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you."** (NASB)

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On Sunday, Johnnie preached from Luke 8 about the man from whom Jesus had cast out the "Legion" of demons. Jesus performed an incredible miracle. After either witnessing the event themselves or hearing about it from others, the various characters involved responded quite differently to the events that had transpired. A significant event does not always generate the same responses from all people.

1. Read **Luke 8:26–39**.

- A) How did the man who was healed respond when Jesus had cast out the demons from him? B) Why do you think he responded in this manner?
  
- A) How did the herdsmen and the people from the city/country respond to Jesus casting out demons from a man and into a herd of swine? B) Why do you think they responded in this manner?

2. When Jesus interacts with people in their specific circumstances, they have the options of a) passively ignoring Him, b) actively pushing Him away, or c) passionately running to Him for help, fellowship, comfort, and strength.

- In your life circumstances today, do you find yourself mostly:
  - A) Ignoring Jesus, sometimes forgetting His presence and plan for your life,
  - B) Pushing Jesus away, actively resisting change necessary for living a life of obedience to Him,
  - C) Running to Jesus, actively seeking Him, longing to be with Him, recognizing your dependence upon Him, possessing a desire to live faithfully with Him and in obedience to His Word,
  - D) A Combination of the above?
- Explain your answer with one another.

3. When asked by the man if he could accompany Him, Jesus said, "No" because Jesus He had other plans for him. Sometimes God has plans for our lives that are different than our own plans.

- How can you encourage one another to faithfully seek and obey God's plans in each of your lives?
  
- How can you be a witness for Christ *where you are* (work, school, club, neighborhood, etc.)?

**FAMILY PRAYER:** Pray for the Lord to help you both as a family and as individuals to live by faith rather than fear, to run towards the Lord rather than running away from Him, and to be a faithful witness for Him where He has planted you.