



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of May 15, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text: Luke 8:26-39

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." 29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. 34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 36 And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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Summary

In this week's passage Jesus displays His power and authority over the supernatural world by casting out a "legion" of demons from a hopeless man. Although the disciples have faith, Jesus is demonstrating His power to them so that they will trust Him even through the most difficult circumstances. We learn from these examples of Jesus' power over the demons that in spite of all

the fearful things Satan may bring our way, we have nothing to fear for our God is far more powerful than the devil and his evil schemes. Like the demon possessed man whom Jesus healed, we too have had our lives restored. And like the formerly possessed man, we too ought to be proclaiming to everyone, how much Jesus has done for us.

Discussion Questions

1. In our passage of study this week, Jesus has just brought His disciples through a terrifying life threatening storm straight into Gentile territory dominated by pig herders and a frightful demon-possessed man. Why do you think Jesus will sometimes lead His followers into such fearful circumstances?
2. The demon possessed man was out of his mind, living in the tombs, cutting himself, and could not be helped or controlled by his family and friends. He was alone and beyond all hope. What are some 21st century tactics Satan uses to make a person “beyond hope” in today’s society? How does this passage encourage you to share the gospel with those who are “beyond hope”?
3. With just one command, Jesus instantly and completely cast out the “legion” of demons that filled the man. How does this first century example of Jesus’ power and authority give you confidence and strength to stand firm as a Christian in an increasingly hostile secular world?
4. In spite of the miraculous healing of the demon possessed man, why do you think the people of the Gerasenes were filled with great fear? Why is it difficult and even fearful for unbelievers to deal with a person whose life has been changed by Jesus Christ?
5. The demon possessed man was healed and his changed life became a testimony to everyone as he proclaimed to the whole city what Jesus had done for him. As a Christian how have you been “healed” by Jesus? Should your response to God healing you be any different than the demon possessed man? If not, who is God telling you to talk to about what Jesus has done for you?