

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following questions are for discussion in your small group. As disciples, our goal is to obey the Word, not just listen to it preached (James 1:22). Therefore, the questions lean towards application of the biblical teaching we get during the sermon. We hope you are able to consider and answer these questions prior to your group meeting time. These questions may also be good for family discussion times.

1. Share any questions or insights you have after listening to the sermon.
2. Read Mark 5:1-20. What are some possible reasons the people were afraid and asked Jesus to leave their region (vv.15-17)? Have you ever been afraid of Jesus' power? Why or why not?
3. What tools do the following verses give you to claim Jesus' power over demons?
 - Eph 6:10-11,17-18
 - 2 Tim 1:7
 - 1 Pet 5:8-9
 - 1 John 4:4
4. Share what the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you, past and present (Mark 5:19-20). Have you, like the man in the passage, shared what the Lord has done for you with family and friends?
5. Recall times in your life when God has answered "no" to your prayers. How do you handle it when God says "no"? Looking back, can you see how any of those were for the best?

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I. People:

A. Some people's situations appear "**darker**" than others. Matt 12:43-45; Lk 8:2

B. Without **Jesus**, we're all "**dead** in the **darkness**". Eph 2:1-3a

II. Jesus.

A. Jesus is a **man**. Matt 16:13-17; Jn 7:12

B. Jesus is the **Son** of the **Most High God**. Lk 19:10; Acts 16:16-18

III. Demons.

A. They are powerful, fearsome, unclean, dominating **spirits**. Matt 8:29; 12:24-27; 25:41; Lk 8:31; Jn 10:10

B. They must **submit** to the **will** of **Jesus**. Job 1:12; 2:6; Acts 26:17-20; Js 2:19

IV. Prayer.

A. A "**yes**" to what we've **asked** for is **best**.

B. When He says "**no**" to our **prayer**, it's for the **best**. II Cor 5:7; II Thess 2:9-12