

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on January 31st, 2010

The Greatest Champion of All Time – Mark 5:1-20

Outline

1. Jesus confronts evil. (3-10)
2. Jesus conquers evil. (11-15)

Big Idea: Jesus can deliver you from anything if you will just come to Him.

Leading the Session Helps/Discussion Questions

- Make announcements and have a prayer time. (before Choir Members arrive)

ICE BREAKERS

- Where is this story in context with the Biblical narrative?
- When is a time when you have seen someone experience intimidation? When have you experienced intimidation?
- What is one danger when studying this passage? (Focusing on the demons or Satan.)
- What should be the focus when studying this passage? (the power of Jesus.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do we know that Christians can not be possessed by a demon? (Don't take a remembrance of Larry's explanation. Point them to the Bible. Go further than Larry's explanation to the source: John 10:28.) A major point about truth: Never take for granted what someone says for truth. Find it in the Word.)
- What was the purpose of Jesus asking the demon his name?
- What is demon possession about when it comes to viewing it as an attack from Satan? (Because of his hatred of God, he attempts to destroy God's crowning achievement: Man.)
- What is significant about the demons begging to be sent into the pigs? What is disturbing about them going into the pigs? What do you think happened to them after they fell off the cliff?
- Why did Jesus allow the pigs to go into the pigs? (It showed the man physical evidence that he had been freed?)
- What is the response of anyone who comes into contact with Jesus? (Worship)
- What was the response of the community to what Jesus had done? (They asked Him to leave because they valued the pigs (their economy) more than Jesus presence.)

Application

- What is there in your life that you value more than Jesus?
- Place God ahead of anything you just thought of in response to the first application question.