

## BRIARCLIFF CHURCH

### Small Group Study Guide: Mark

Week of November 18 (Week 14)

Mark 5:1-20



#### Sermon Overview

Jesus has just calmed a violent storm at sea (4:35-41); he now meets a man with an equally violent storm inside him. In both cases, the power of Jesus prevails over chaos and destruction. The purpose of the healing of the Gerasene demoniac, as with the stilling of the storm on the lake, is not simply to leave readers awestruck at Jesus' power, however, but to prompt them to consider "how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you" (5:19). Once again Jesus is connoted with God, for the Lord who has healed the demoniac is none other than Jesus (v. 20).

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#### Getting Started

1. In Mark 5:1-20 we see God intervene in a powerful and miraculous way. Where would you like to see Jesus intervene in your life and why?

#### Starting with God

2. Read and compare Mark 5:15 and Mark 4:41. What similarities do you see in these verses and what does that tell you about the nature of Jesus?

3. What does Mark 5:1-20 tell you about the the person of Jesus Christ and his power?

4. What does this same passage tell you about trusting/having faith in Jesus?

### Living God's Word

5. This encounter shows us a demon possessed man living among the dead. He is homeless, without clothes or any basic human necessities. His soul is owned by teams of demons and he is a constant physical threat to himself and others. The power of Jesus made all these things instantly untrue. What struggles in your life have you given up on Jesus making untrue?

### Prayer

*Father God,  
Please forgive me for not trusting your perfect power and sovereign strength. Transform my heart to  
know the reality of your presence and certainty of your salvation.  
Amen.*