

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is the closest you have ever been to a dangerous animal?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. Jesus had just shown His disciples His authority and power over nature by calmed a raging storm. Now Jesus is about to show His disciples another dimension of His authority and power over the spiritual battle that rages like a storm.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 5:1-20**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - How do you think the disciples may have felt when they saw this wild, demon possessed man running toward them?
 - The demons begged Jesus to leave them alone. Why do you think the town’s people also begged Jesus to go away?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - If there was one demon for every pig that drowned, that was 2,000 demons against Jesus. What does this show us about Jesus’ power and authority?
 - In response to the people’s request, Jesus willingly got into the boat to leave. But He did not allow the man freed from the demons to go with Him. What does that show about Jesus?
 - In one or two sentences, from what has Jesus set you free?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this: *“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?”* [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

* Use a different “icebreaker” if you prefer.

** Reading from different translations often helps.