

RECOMMIT

Recommit 2 Healing

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Open in Prayer

How much do we believe in the power of the gospel to transform lives?

- They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; *and they were afraid*. 16 Those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and told about the pigs. 17 Then they began to beg him to leave their region. Mark 5:15-17 CSB
- 1. Read Mark 5:1-14 (you can ask multiple people to help read the scripture out loud as a group). As a group discuss the events that took place
 - a. If you were in that town, what would your response be to Jesus and what you witnessed? Why?
 - b. Why is it so important that the demon-possessed man was part of that specific community? What does this prove? (leader tip – consider that this person must have been known. How easy would it be to fake it to people you have been around your whole life)
- 2. Now read the response of the people in Mark 5:15-17.
 - a. Does their response surprise you? Why or why not?
 - b. Compare their response to how you would have responded?
 - c. Why do you think they responded in this way?
 - d. What is the core issue of their response?
- 3. Compare the events of this passage to those in Mark 4:35-41
 - a. What is similar in the people's response and the disciple's response?

It's an interesting observation that both of these stories place the "fear" and "awe" in Jesus more than the storm or the demon possessed man. The disciples were in awe/fear of the fact that Jesus could still the storm. The people feared Jesus that he could heal the demon-possessed man. Many of us ask for God to do miraculous things. However, are we ready for him to move? And, when he moves what will our response be? Will we embrace Him and join with Him on his journey or will we reject him and send him out of town?

- As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged Him earnestly that he might remain with Him. 19 Jesus did not let him but told him, "Go home to your own people, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So he went out

and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and they were all amazed.

Mark 5:18-20 CSB

1. The image of the man sitting with Jesus, whole, in his right mind, and dressed is a powerful image of the restoration that can come only in and through Jesus. Who are people in your sphere of influence that need this type of restoration?
 - a. Commit to pray for them as group and personally throughout the week. Also, commit to connect with them to let them know they are loved by Jesus.
2. How does this story about this man impact you personally? What does a story like this compel you towards? What do you think our actions should be in response to this story?

Curtis & Brian Interview

Suggestion – If your group has access to a TV and you can play the interview with the TC website and stream it you may play each section and pause to discuss that section before moving on to the next question. This may be especially helpful if many in your group were not able to make service or watch the TC stream.

As a group – discuss the following aspects of the interview with Brian Major.

Questions:

1. GROWING UP - As Brian shares about how he grew up, what can you relate with? What are commonalities that you may share?
2. CHOICES – What choices did Brian make and why? What are choices that you have made or have considered that have altered your life or could have? What was so enticing about those choices? What did they promise but what did they actually deliver?
3. SIN – The impact of Brian’s decision resulted in tragedy. How have you experienced personally or seen this in the lives of loved ones? How do you react or respond when someone is going through this?
4. RESTORATION/REDEMPTION – God redeems and restores Brian. Discuss his journey and what surprised you about Brian’s journey and God’s work in His life. How can God surprise the circumstances you or a loved one is in?

Soul-tattoo: Recommit to being a wounded-healer by proclaiming the gospel.

Close – in prayer.