



Mark 5

How do you respond to what Jesus is doing around you and in people around you?
Jesus is doing something in the world around us

Mark 5:1-5

- Jesus encounters this crazy demon possessed guy
- This guy is super strong (stronger than Jamel)
- He is also super annoying (Ava crying all night because she was in heat)
- Not a real popular dude, most people are probably pretty scared of him

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- This uncontrollable guy falls on his knees before Jesus
- He begs Jesus for mercy
- *What does this say about the power of Jesus?
- *Legion - 5,000 men

Jesus casts the demons into some pigs

- These were someone's pigs
- Rabbit's in my yard vs a farmer's livestock

How did people in this story respond to what Jesus is doing?

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Two responses that missed the mark

Two ways we don't react correctly to what Jesus is doing around us

1) The herdsmen

- they and the townspeople begged Jesus to leave
- Jesus had just done an awesome miracle and they asked him to leave
- Why do they want him to leave?
- He had just cost them a bunch of pigs

- They missed what Jesus was doing because they were distracted by their own stuff

- Too distracted by the things in your life to see what Jesus is doing
- sports and hobbies are good things but they can't become our only focus
- relationships are good things but they can't become our life
- *we need to keep looking out

2) The Townspeople

- They were afraid
- Jesus overpowered the uncontrollable dude

- Afraid of change and what Jesus is doing
- maybe God is asking you to do something "big" and that scares you
- go on OB
- just talk to the outcast kid
- tell your friend more about Jesus
- offer to help someone

The right response

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- the man who was healed wanted to stay with Jesus
- Jesus sent him out to tell others

*see what Jesus is doing, take part, invite others along

Small Group Questions

- 1) What can distract you from seeing what Jesus is doing around you?
- 2) Have you ever felt like Jesus wanted you to do something that you were afraid or nervous to do?
- 3) What is Jesus doing around you? What opportunities has he given you?

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