

SERMON GUIDE

A COMMUNITY OF HEALING

Mark 5:1-20

Pastor Pat Stream

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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 45)

Psalm 103:10-11 (Repentance)

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

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### Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**rayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

**Getting to know me:** Have you ever encountered a phenomenon that was/is difficult to explain?

**Note about the passage:** This story takes place in the "country of the Gerasenes" (v.1). This region was on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee and was much more Greek than Jewish. So this is beyond the borders of Israel – a place that would have conjured up some feelings of apprehension for Jesus' disciples.

### Read Mark 5:1-20

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** This is a story full of action, tension and emotion. Think about what it would have been like to watch, feel, and be a part of this experience from the different people's perspectives. Is there a character you identify with most?
- O** Why do you think the man ran toward Jesus (v.6)?
- O** What are some possible reasons the Legion asked for permission to enter into a herd of pigs (and the reasons Jesus allow that)? What can be learned and what is still a mystery about forces of spiritual darkness from this story?
- O** What was there for the disciples to learn from Jesus in this encounter?
- O** What kind of impact do you think this man's story had on the region of the Decapolis?
- A** We and the people we know/love are all surrounded by all kinds of relational, spiritual, emotional, psychological issues and addictions. What kinds of spiritual and tangible needs are hardest for you to trust Jesus with? What step could you take this week to practice trust in Jesus?
- A** How do you think Jesus wants us to respond to the (sometimes overwhelming) issues of spiritual darkness?
- A** Is there any specific spiritual or tangible need that you or a friend are facing right now? How will you face it this week with faith? Be as specific as you can be.
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.