

Community Group Homework Questions

1. What practical differences emerge from reading the Bible as historical fact rather than moralistic fable?
2. Jesus rejects the request of the once demon-possessed man to join Him in His travels. What does this rejection tell us about Jesus' motivations in delivering him? How does that contrast with those today who claim to be able to heal and cast out demons?
3. Review the rationale that Pastor Bryan gave for why Jesus instructed this man to go home and proclaim there what God had done for him:
4. Why is it often easier to be a witness for Christ in a foreign or unfamiliar context versus a familiar one? How are you doing as a light in your most familiar contexts?
5. Can you think of an area of influence in your life right now that you are not currently leveraging for the gospel? How could you take advantage of the opportunity to be a witness in that context?

THE THREAT WHO BECAME A TESTIMONY

Luke 8:38-39

Series #51

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"The Threat Who Became a Testimony."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is one of the dangers we have to avoid when reading parts of Scripture that describe miraculous events?
2. The stories of Scripture aren't just stories; they are what?
3. The story we looked at last Sunday is recorded in how many of the synoptic gospels?
4. What miracle is described in Luke 8:22-25?
5. Were the gospel writers always concerned about the chronology of events?
6. Is it possible that the storm that Jesus calmed, actually had a demonic force behind it?
7. According to John 10:10, Jesus came that we might have what?
8. When Jesus conquered the storm and the demons, the response of the audience was what?
9. How did the disciples respond when Jesus calmed the storm?
10. Where was the country of the Gadarenes/Gerasenes located?

11. What did the people of that region worship?
12. As you read through the gospels, you often see demons making statements of what?
13. A person can know all the right theology and not be a what?
14. Have you yielded your life to Jesus?
15. The demon begged Jesus to not do what?
16. The demon-possessed man was like a what?
17. Even though demon possessed, the man still retained some of his own what?
18. What term was used of a military unit of 6,000 men?
19. The demons were trying to resist, thwart, and defeat what?
20. What would have been a visible confirmation that the demons had been expelled from the man?
21. How did the people of that region respond to Jesus casting out the legion of demons from the man?
22. Why did the people ask Jesus to depart?
23. The church in Laodicea basically did what?
24. The church at Laodicea turned Jesus away because they were wealthy and what?
25. The handle of the church door is on the what?
26. The freed man asked Jesus to do what after Jesus cast the demons out?
27. What kind of experts would think that Jesus was making a big mistake in not letting the man go with him?
28. Was Jesus into attracting crowds?
29. What is the subtle change in what Luke says here between what Jesus said to do and what the man did?
30. What is the first reason why Jesus sent the man back home?
31. What do people around you see in your life? What are your attitudes? What kinds of words do you use? How do you respond to situations in life? How do you treat others around you?
32. What is the second reason why Jesus sent the man back home?
33. What is "Decapolis" referring to?
34. Jesus wasn't concerned about the people of Decapolis trying to force him to be what?
35. Mark tells us that the people did what when they heard about the man who had been demon possessed?
36. The Lord saves us to be a what?
37. How are you doing?