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| **SERIES** | Discipleship 101: 9 Week Challenge |
| **BIBLE** | Mark 5:1-20 |
| **TITLE** | Share Your Story |
| **OVERVIEW** | Sharing Jesus with others doesn’t have to be difficult. You don’t have to have an advanced degree. And you don’t even have to have the gift of evangelism. You just need to have encountered Jesus. And if you’ve encountered Jesus and given Him your life. Then your story becomes a key piece in how you can share Jesus with others. Because often it is far more HOW we live than WHAT we say… that shows what we ACTUALLY believe. |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **When your life WAS a mess—and maybe still is…** (Mk. 5:1-5)  Jesus encounters someone that we can’t even imagine. A man that literally lives in a graveyard and has super strength. The town, his family, and his friends have tried to tame him or control him… but nothing works. It’s only gotten worse. And this is an exact picture of our own lives. Despite however well (or badly) we were raised, we rebelled against the chains that were placed on us. Maybe for some of us it was externally obvious, but maybe for some of us, it was internally raging. As Eph. 2 says… possessed by the spirit of this world. Maybe we had/have more in common with this man than we think?  **Only through Jesus are you healed** (Mk. 5:6-13)  Everything had been tried to fix this man… but it was only an encounter with Jesus that brought real lasting change. Jesus spoke words of life over him. Cast out the hold of the devil on his life. And sent the demons scattered. And this is a microcosm of what Jesus was doing with His whole life. His death on that cross was a real battle that went up against the ruler of this world. Satan who has held each of us captive since we were born. And Jesus set you free. That is the gospel.  **Share Your Story** (Mk. 5:14-20)  All of the craziness with the pigs aside… the most unexpected conclusion to this whole story is the fact that the man wanted to go with Jesus and Jesus said no. Instead, Jesus told the man: Go and tell everyone what God has done for you. In the same way, our story can be the open door for God to speak life into the people all around us. Instead of going into hiding or a “Christian bubble”, may we be like this man who obeyed Jesus and shared his story with everyone. |
| **GOSPEL** | **Ephesians 2:1-10** – The gospel  **Rev. 12:11** – And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Go and share your story with someone (who is not a believer) this week. |