

TEACHING NOTES

ANNIVERSARY SERIES: THE CHURCH GOD WANTS US TO BE

A LIGHTHOUSE & KINGDOM OUTPOST (MARK 5:1-20)

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A L I G H T H O U S E & K I N G D O M O U T P O S T

The church doesn't exist to stay in safe waters.
We are called to be a ***lighthouse*** revealing the Light of the World to those in darkness and a ***kingdom outpost*** planted in hostile territory.



LEARNING FROM & APPLYING THE TEXT

Mark 5:1-20

1. *Jesus didn't come to make us comfortable; He came to _____!*
2. *The power of Jesus has _____. Jesus has absolute authority over all creation, even the darkest spiritual forces.*
3. *Jesus has the power to redeem people the world has given up on. For Jesus, no one is _____.*
4. *Jesus' kingdom clashes with the kingdom of the world, so don't be surprised when you face _____.*
5. *Jesus is _____ and He knows what He's doing; what Satan intends for evil, Jesus _____.*
6. *Jesus _____ to go and tell how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you!*

REFLECTION + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. God wants us to be a church that is a family, a hospital, a lighthouse and a kingdom outpost. Which of these four pictures/metaphors do you most need the church to be for you right now? Why?
2. List all the “dark” elements Mark includes in the details of this passage (ie. tombs, demons, isolation, etc.). What kind of place does this feel like?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus goes to this region instead of waiting for the man to come to Him?
4. What signs of deep pain and brokenness do you see in this man’s life beyond the demons themselves?
5. How does this story challenge the idea that some people or places are “too far gone”?
6. The community tried chains; Jesus brought freedom. What’s the difference between *managing* brokenness and *healing* brokenness?
7. What are some “tomb-like” places in our community – environments marked by despair, addiction, loneliness and fear? How can we shine the light of Christ in these places without being overwhelmed by the darkness around them?
8. Why is it important we understand the power and authority Jesus has over all creation, even the darkest spiritual forces? How should this truth change the way we live?
9. This man’s mission was to go and tell what the Lord had done for him. Why is personal testimony powerful?