

## Small Group Questions – January 12, 2025 – Dr. Kirk Mackie

### Mark 5:1-20

1. When did a vacation turn into something unpleasant you never expected? What is the most dramatic change you have ever seen in someone's behavior?
2. What is the most dramatic transformation you have seen Jesus Christ work in someone's life?
3. How do you think the demon-afflicted man felt about meeting Jesus: Hopeful? Fearful? Too tired to care? Wanting mercy? Other?
4. In the interplay between the demon and Jesus in verses 9-13, what do you learn about demons?
5. Contrast what result Jesus had on the man versus what the demons did to the pigs. What does this tell you about Jesus? About demons?
6. Why were the people afraid when they saw the man who had been possessed "sitting there, dressed and in his right mind" (v 15)? Why did they ask Jesus to leave?
7. In contrast to earlier stories, why did Jesus tell this man to share with others what happened to him? What do you suppose the demoniac said to his family?
8. Why is your life in Christ so effective at making Jesus famous in your sphere of influence? When might it not be effective?
9. When you think about your 8-15, what do you notice? Share with the group who is in your Oikos.
10. Pray for effective ministry within each Oikos represented in your study group.