

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Words, Works + Ways - Part 5

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Introduction

Jesus never fails to exhibit Kingdom love, Kingdom power and Kingdom purpose, especially to the marginalised and broken. The breaker of chains, Jesus through the Holy Spirit is in our lives right now and He wants to set us free. This starts with each of us being aware of our 'chains' and admitting them to Him.

Bible Passage

Mark 5:1-20

Discussion

1. We know that Jesus is the only one that can set us free from our chains. What hinders us from knowing this reality on our day to day lives? Why?
2. Read Mark 5:3-4. While others tried to chain the man down, Jesus dealt with this broken man in a counter-cultural way. What are some practical examples of how your actions have been counter-cultural in today's society? What was the outcome?
3. Read Mark 5:18-20. What did Jesus ask the man to do? Why? What challenges would the man have faced in doing so?
4. How do those challenges relate to you in sharing your own testimony? If you have shared your testimony before, what helped you in overcoming the hurdles?
5. Read John 8:34-36. How have you experienced the freedom He gave you?
6. Sometimes we forget that He has set us free and we allow guilt, shame, bitterness, etc. to chain us again. Where do you need the power of God that can set you free to move in your life today? Share

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with your Life Group and pray for each other.

Respond

The words, works, and ways of Jesus remind us of His love and power in our lives. However, we live in the reality of a spiritual battle, day in and day out. This week, be intentional in holding each other in prayer and encouraging each other to overcome the spiritual battle. At your next Life Group gathering, start by sharing your stories of how this challenged and/or helped you in your battle.

Reading Plan:

Part 5 – Read and reread Mark 5