

Broken Chains, Dead Pigs, and New Life

- _____
- _____ to come to us.
 - He meets us _____
 - He works to _____ from our distress.

- _____
- The work of Jesus creates a fear that will _____
or will _____
 - The fear that pushes Jesus away believes that His presence is _____
 - The fear that draws us near to Jesus believes that His presence is _____

- _____
- We have the opportunity to _____
 - We have a responsibility to _____

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
4. What is a question you have?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. Describe an encounter you have experienced with someone exhibiting bizarre behavior. How did the situation make you feel? Was there anything you could do to help?
2. Read Mark 5:1-7. What were the unusual behaviors of the man? If you were one of the disciples, what would you have been thinking? What do you suppose the people who knew and/or encountered this guy thought? What did they apparently try to do? Why?
3. Read verses 7-10. What was causing this man's behavior problems? What was the demons' response to Jesus? What does their response teach us about their understanding of Jesus (His identity and authority)?
4. Read verses 11-13. What did Jesus do for the man? What did He do to the demons? What does this teach us about Jesus and about His work for us? (see the sermon outline) How should these truths impact us? (see 2 Cor. 5:14-15)
5. Read verse 14-18. How did the work of Jesus impact the man? Discuss how his life will be different because of what Jesus has done for him. How did the work of Jesus impact the people? How is the fear of the crowd different from the fear of the disciples in 4:41? Take time to discuss the differences.
6. Why do you suppose Jesus didn't let the man go with Him? What are the two things Jesus told him to tell others about? What impact do you think this man had on his friends? What can we learn from this about our opportunities and responsibilities?