GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

July 10th, 2022

WARM UP

The so-called "synoptic gospels," Matthew, Mark, and Luke, often record the same events but slightly differently. Besides our passage in Matthew 8:28-34, this account is reported in Mark 5:1-20 and Luke 8:26-39. Pastor Jeff stated that our names are important. What is the name given to Jesus by the demons and why is it important?

READ

Matt 8:28-34

ASK

- Read Matthew 8: 28 - 34. What happened when Jesus arrived on the other side of the lake at the country of the Gadarenes?

- Unlike Matthew's account, both Mark and Luke state that the demons knelt at Jesus' feet. What does that indicate concerning what they think about Jesus?

- Jesus's actions scared the townspeople. Why do you think that happen? Why do you think that the people asked Jesus to leave the area?

- In Mark 5:19 we read that Jesus tells the cured man to "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." Why do you think Jesus would tell him to do that?

- The town's people appear to be more worried about themselves than what happen to the man possessed by two thousand demons (Mk. 5:13). Sometimes we can find ourselves saying or thinking, "I don't care, or I don't worry about what happens to anyone else, as long as my family, my possessions or profit or comfort are not taken away." Why do you think that is so?

PRAY