

HOPE & HEALING (LARGE GROUP)

Lesson 1: Who's Crazy?

Objective: People may look at you strangely after Jesus' healing



FOCUS SCRIPTURE: Mark 5:1-20

TIME: 45-50 Minutes

TOOLS: A projector so the group can follow slides.

GAME/ACTIVITY:

<https://thesource4ym.com/garbage-war/>

<https://thesource4ym.com/human-snowball/>

With both icebreakers, discuss how bad choices can accumulate garbage in our lives that we constantly have to deal with.

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION:

Speaker: All of us know someone that acts strange all the time. When you see them coming you think, "Oh here we go!". Some of those people are relatives that live in our house or people who have lived on your block for years. That's just who they are. Drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes, thieves, violent drug dealers, or the person who just bothers people walking up and down the street begging for money. No matter what people try to do they won't straighten up or act right. You, your family, the other people in the neighborhood, and even the police know there is something wrong with them but everybody says, "That's just the way they are, ain't nothing wrong with them". Well, let me share a story from the Bible where someone, like the people we are talking about, met Jesus one day.

SLIDE: Read Mark 5:1-20

HIGHLIGHT THE ISSUES INVOLVED:

V2-The man had things in him that he couldn't control.

V3-5-He lived among the dead trying to figure out how to live, and no one could control him. Out all night being disruptive and hurting himself.

V9-His issues had a name and there were many issues, two thousand to be exact. He had a lot of issues to deal with everyday.

V10-13-Demons want to destroy everything they can, so his issues/voices he had inside were trying to hurt, even kill him.

Question=How many of us have experienced any of these things and still have some hurt/pain from it?

HIGHLIGHT THE BIBLICAL TRUTH:

V6-8-Demons knew who Jesus was and immediately begged for mercy. They knew His power and addressed Him as the Son of God.

V14,16-Anything Jesus is doing in your life you need to share that so other people can find Jesus for themselves, even if it doesn't seem to be good things. (The Shepherds)

V15,17-When people see that your life has changed and you are living with Jesus they will want to distance themselves from you. Yes, you will lose some people in your life but the ones you find are the ones God wanted in your life. (Healing)

V18-19-Jesus has a powerful mission for each of us and will allow you to represent His power as you show people how He has healed you and changed your life.

V20-Others will come to Jesus for the things that He has done in your life

Question=How many of you have ever heard **"You first have to subtract to multiply"**? That quote means, **you will have to lose some of the wrong relationships to gain better ones**

