

# **JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER SIN & DEMONS**

## **Mark 5:1-20**

**This study guide is intended to be used for personal study and within your community group to facilitate discussion.**

Read Mark 5:1-20 and 1 Corinthians 10:20-22

One of the things we need to understand about the nature of sin and evil in our own lives is that these things are actively doing something in us as we actively choose them. In other words, it is not only a matter of choosing sin and “owning it” in a way that we can “un-choose it”, or “manage it”, but rather, that sin can then begin to enslave us. In this passage, we cannot dismiss this demon-possessed crazy man as something that has nothing to do with us. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10, behind every idol our hearts produce and then serve, stand demonic powers at work to enslave and destroy us.

- (1) Spend some time and consider what in your life has the power to possess you. What is/are that/those thing(s)? (what desire guides your decisions....your pleasure? Comfort? Security?)**
- (2) How has sin, once taken root, led to personal destruction in times past or present in your own life?**
- (3) What does this passage tell us about the intentions of Satan in our own lives?**
- (4) How is salvation depicted in this passage? How may that depiction be different than what many have been told of what salvation consists of?**
- (5) Remaining sin (the effects of the sin nature) in the life of the believer is nothing to take lightly. Why is it so important to kill sin? What are some ways the Christian can kill sin, in light of Christ's authority?**

