

Small Group Discussion Questions
Epic Journey - Who Matters to Jesus - Mark 5

1. On Sunday we started out by hearing about Abraham being told by God to leave everything and “go to that land that I will show you.” This was undoubtedly a hard command to obey. Have you ever felt called by God to do something without being able to see how it would turn out? If so, what was it?

2. To the disciples the other side of the lake, opposite their own city, was a place of great evil. What do you think Jesus was accomplishing in his disciples to have them go there with him? Has Jesus ever asked you to get out of your comfort zone in order to reach out to other people? Did you do it?

3. After Jesus and his disciples went to the other side of the lake and Jesus performed an exorcism on the demon-possessed man, the people of that place are terrified of Jesus and beg him to leave their region. What can we learn about Jesus from the fact that these people feared him? Do you think this picture of Jesus being feared is largely contradictory to our view of Jesus? Should it be?

4. Jesus and his disciples are asked to leave that place and as they do the man who was formerly demon-possessed asks to go along. Jesus says no and tells him that his mission is now to the people of his own land. Why do you think that it often seems much easier to do what Jesus asks of us somewhere other than home? Do you obey Jesus as much with what he asks you to do in your home, with your family, as much as you do outside of your home?

5. We see in Mark 5 that sometimes Jesus asks you to leave home and sometimes he asks you to stay. We see that our task is to obey no matter what. What are some things Jesus is asking of you today? What obstacles are there in your life which need to be removed in order for you to obey Jesus consistently?