

Study Guide

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at www.spwired.com.

Monday – Read Mark 5:1-20 trying to picture this scene in your mind. What is this demon-possessed man like? If he were in a modern psychiatric hospital how would he be diagnosed? How would you have felt around him had you lived in his town? Why did he live among the tombs? Pigs were “unclean” animals Jews could not eat – these were being raised for Gentiles. What does this story tell you about demons? What does it tell you about Jesus? How did the townsfolk respond to this incident? Why? What is the demon-possessed man like after being healed by Jesus? What does this tell us about Jesus? Notice how this man begged to follow Jesus, but what did Jesus command of him? He became the first evangelist to the Gentiles. Invite God to use you in this way.

Tuesday – Read Mark 5:21-43. Here Jesus ministers with a leader of the synagogue. What is Jairus feeling? In the midst of one story Mark adds another – the woman who has been hemorrhaging for twelve years. Have you known anyone who struggled with a long-term illness? How do you think she was feeling? What do you see and hear in Jesus’ response to this woman (v. 34)? What role did faith play in the woman’s healing? When Jesus is speaking to Jairus the sense is more of, “Don’t worry, just trust, it’s going to be okay.” What do these stories tell you about Jesus? What is he like? What do they tell you about life in the Kingdom of God?

Wednesday – Read Mark 6:1-6a. What does this story tell us about Jesus? About the people of his town? What role does faith play in what Jesus could do by way of miracles? **Read Mark 6:6b-13.** Why did Jesus send them out in pairs? What does this tell you about the importance of having Christian friends? **Read Mark 6:14-29.** This is a tragic story told in response to the fact that some thought Jesus was John the Baptist raised from the dead. At that point, John was still better known than Jesus. What do we learn about living for God from John’s story?

Thursday – Read Mark 6:30-44. What do you think the point of this story might be? When we offer Jesus what meager things we have, what is he able to do with them? **Read Mark 6:45-56.** What does Jesus need/want to do after spending the day with the crowds (v. 46). Do you, after devoting yourself to work, ever get away to a quiet place to pray? The story of Jesus walking on the water tells us what about Jesus? What does he bring us when storms are raging in our lives?

Friday – Read Mark 7:1-23. Here Mark gives us a detailed account of Jesus’ conflict with the Pharisees. What do you learn about the Pharisees here? These had come from Jerusalem to investigate Jesus. Jesus here addresses the question of the Jewish laws of ceremonial cleansing – what does he teach? What does this tell us about him? How are Christians sometimes like the Pharisees?

Prayer Concerns

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