

# THE GOSPEL

## ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

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Jesus in the Gerasenes | Luke 8:26-39

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### S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we looked at the story of Jesus crossing the lake to a new place and saving a demon possessed man. The reactions and responses of all the characters that encountered Jesus in the story can both challenge and inspire us.

### R E A D

Luke 8:26-39

*Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.*

### D I S C U S S

- 1) What is the significance of Jesus going to the region of the Gerasenes? What is Luke wanting to communicate through this detail? When Jesus arrived in the region, he was immediately confronted by a demon possessed man. We talked about the nature of demonic influence and the realities of mental illness and how we understand the truth about both.
- 2) What are your thoughts and reflections on this? Whenever this story is read, one of the big questions is always about the pigs. Many people feel bad for the poor pigs.
- 3) What is the significance of this detail? What is being communicated through this detail? There are three 'characters' that react/respond to Jesus in the story: the demons, the townspeople, and the man who has saved.

4) What do these reactions/responses teach us about Jesus? What do they say to us about our responsiveness to Jesus?

5) What do you think is the 'big idea' in this story? What are the implications of this in our lives and community?

### R E S P O N D

How do you sense Jesus asking you to respond to him through this story?

### P R A Y

Pray that we would have God's wisdom as we seek to be conduits of His healing and love to those around us.

