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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Mark 5:1-20

- 1. Where were Jesus and the disciples? Why had they gone there? What was different about that place?
- 2. What elements of impurity/ritual uncleanliness are present in this episode? What do the actions of Jesus tell us about his attitude toward these elements?
- 3. Why do you think Jesus listened to and did what the demons asked of him?
- 4. How was the man 'delivered' from what afflicted him? What were the immediate results for him?
- 5. How would the man's life change from this moment forward? What does freedom look like for him?
- 6. What did Jesus tell the man to remain where he was rather than come with them? Why was this important?
- 7. "Jesus wants to heal us and set us free." How have you experienced this in your life?
- 8. What makes people susceptible to demonic influence? What can we do to safeguard ourselves against this?
- 9. What does God want you to be delivered from at the moment? Is there anything oppressing you that needs to be dealt with? How will you do this?
- 10. Read Luke 4:16-19. Do you see these things happening in/through your life? Why or why not? What needs to happen for this to become a reality in your life?

Prayer points:

- Spend time praying for the situation in Israel/Palestine and the people affected by the conflict.
- Pray for courage to seek God's freedom for your life.