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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

October 29, 2023

Series Title: The Day the Storm Stopped

Scripture: Luke 8:26-29

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." 29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)

Points of Consideration:

Truths to Consider:

- *We can recognize Jesus...believe that Jesus is the Son of God...and still be headed to Hell*
- *We can have a lot stacked up against us, but Jesus can still stop our storm*
- *Hell must be a terrible place*
- *God is restraining Satan in our lives*
- *The value of some pigs cannot compare to the value of a soul*
- *When we have an encounter with Jesus, we may want to go to the foreign field but Jesus may want us to go Home*

Discussion Questions:

In Luke 8:26-29, we witness the incredible healing power of Jesus as he casts out demons from the possessed man. What does this passage teach us about the extent of Jesus' authority and his ability to bring healing and restoration to those who are suffering? How does the answer to the previous question apply to our lives?

The man in this passage, who was once possessed by demons and living among the tombs, experiences a remarkable transformation after encountering Jesus. What can we learn about the kingdom and God's salvific plan when we reflect on the fact that Jesus went to an unclean place of death to heal an unclean person? Consider the literary movement preceding and following this particular passage.

When the townspeople learned about the healing of the demon-possessed man, they were filled with fear and asked Jesus to leave their region (Luke 8:37). Why do you think the people reacted this way to witnessing such a miraculous healing? What might this response reveal about the human response to the supernatural and divine work of God?

Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league outreach
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant

- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.

- Walton County Church Plant

Church of Good Hope - Partnerships (Update from Craig Story - ChurchOfGoodHopeGA@gmail.com)

PRAYER PARTNERS (one-year commitment)

- **Col 1:9 - For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you...**
- **Prayer is our most important partnership. If we could have a hundred churches partner with us in prayer, we would still seek even more.**
- **Each month, you will receive the Top 3 Prayer Requests from the Church of Good Hope. They will be as specific as we can make them.**
- **We would simply ask that your staff and leadership pray for those requests AND pass those requests along to your congregation.**

CONNECTION PARTNERS (one-year commitment)

- **Luke 10:6 - "If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on him" ... Acts 16:15 - After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house."**
- **Good Hope is a small community and the Gospel will spread faster through existing connections.**

- Twice a month, community groups will meet at houses in the Good Hope area.
- We would ask that you identify families from your church that live in Good Hope to open their home as community group hosts for their neighbors and people connected to the Church of Good Hope.

LAUNCH PARTNERS (6-month commitment)

- 1 Thes 2:8 - We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become so dear to us.
- There are many details that go into launching a church from scratch (like providing safe child care by trained workers with background checks).
- We will have preview services at 6:00pm on July 30, Aug 13, Aug 27, and Sep 10. Our Public Launch Service is on Sep 17, and then we'll meet weekly.
- We would ask that you provide childcare (and possibly other logistical needs) for our Sunday evening services until we can establish our own ministry teams by the end of January.

FINANCIAL PARTNERS (6-mo. commitment + 6-mo.)

- 1 Cor 16:2 - On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he is prospering...
- The Church of Good Hope will join God in his plan to transform lives with the Gospel. We will do this by developing disciples who are equipped to share the Good News of Jesus and demonstrate the life He calls us to live in our homes, communities, and throughout the world.
- As we develop disciples, we will teach stewardship.
- However, until they are developed, you can partner with us at \$500/month starting in July 2023.

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- Visit the link below for a ministry partner update from Noah Madden and Life Community!

<https://youtu.be/8Gah-cMg-z8>

- A permanent church building to own.
- "Dots on the Map" for future plants
- Continued relationship with Seach Elementary School in Weymouth, MA - Next steps for families who connected with LCC at the Fall Fun Fest
- Office Space for staff

- Follow the link below for the most recent LLC newsletter!

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FCA

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Quarterly-Newsletter.html?soid=1105759152459&aid=o3_xweZnDo4

Please access the link above for the latest newsletter from FCA!

Timothy Initiative

Update on Turkana region in Kenya:

“This is the situation in Turkana region Kenya. Have your family and the church pray, remember Turkana church. People are facing a tough time because of drought which has existed for a long period. People are lacking food and clean water. Diseases like malaria, typhoid, and tuberculosis are affecting people. We lost eight people because they lack food to eat.” – from Pastor Eloiloi

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloiloi, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon’s wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!