

# NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## FIND COMMUNITY

### SERMON SUMMARY

Using Mark 5:18–19, this sermon teaches that following Jesus isn't just about personal transformation—it's about finding community. Jesus sends the formerly demon-possessed man back to "his own people," showing that there is power, identity, and lasting freedom found in relationships with other believers. Rather than waiting for connection to happen, followers of Jesus are called to intentionally find community through groups, discipleship, and serving alongside others.

### KEY POINTS

- There Is Power in Community
  - Jesus did not allow the healed man to simply stay with Him in the boat; instead, He sent him back to his people.
  - God designed believers to grow, serve, and experience His power together as the body of Christ.
- Your Name Matters More Than Your Condition
  - Before addressing the man's future, Jesus acknowledged his identity.
  - Community reminds us that we are not defined by our struggles, failures, or past mistakes, but by who God says we are.
- Freedom Doesn't Last in Isolation
  - The demon-possessed man lived alone among the tombs, illustrating how isolation creates space for bondage.
  - Lasting freedom is found when believers remain connected to healthy, Christ-centered relationships.
- Connection Is a Choice
  - Jesus provided the opportunity for the man to reconnect with others, but the man had to take the step himself.
  - Spiritual growth requires intentional decisions to pursue relationships, discipleship, and involvement in the church.
- You Were Saved Into a Community, Not Just From Sin
  - Salvation is not only about being rescued from your past; it's about being brought into God's family.

- Followers of Jesus are called to find community through groups, discipleship, serving, and meaningful relationships with other believers.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Why do you think Jesus told the healed man to return to "his own people" instead of allowing him to stay with Him? What does that teach us about the importance of community?**
- 2. Have you ever been tempted to isolate yourself during a difficult season? How did that affect your relationship with God and others?**
- 3. The sermon says, "Your name matters more than your condition." What labels or identities have you struggled with, and how does God's view of you challenge those labels?**
- 4. Where have you experienced the power of Christian community in your own life? How has another believer encouraged, strengthened, or helped you grow in your faith?**
- 5. The sermon challenged us to find community rather than wait for it. What is one practical step you can take this week to become more connected through a group, discipleship relationship, serving team, or friendship?**