

# NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## OWN YOUR FAITH

### SERMON SUMMARY

This message challenged listeners to move beyond casually associating with Jesus and instead fully own their faith through commitment. Using the story of the demon-possessed man in Mark 5, the sermon showed that a true encounter with Jesus transforms our lives and calls us to commit to community, become more like Christ, and allow Jesus to disrupt every area of our lives. Ultimately, following Jesus is not about keeping options open—it is about surrendering fully to Him and taking ownership of the faith He has given us.

### KEY POINTS

- A real encounter with Jesus requires ownership of your faith.
  1. Jesus didn't simply improve the demon-possessed man's situation—He completely transformed his life. The proper response to God's work in our lives is commitment, not casual association.
- Owning your faith means committing to a community.
  1. Following Jesus was never intended to be a solo journey. God uses the church to encourage, strengthen, challenge, and support believers as they grow in their faith.
- Owning your faith means becoming more like Jesus.
  1. Just as the formerly naked man was clothed and restored, God not only forgives us but also transforms us. Spiritual growth is a process of continually "putting on Christ" and allowing Him to shape our character.
  2. Becoming more like Jesus doesn't happen once, it happens over time.
- Owning your faith means letting Jesus disrupt your life.
  1. Jesus changes priorities, relationships, habits, schedules, and values. While His work can be uncomfortable, His disruptions bring purpose, direction, and transformation.
- Faith grows when we move from renting to owning.
  1. Renters look for the minimum commitment, but owners invest fully. Mature disciples intentionally pursue God through obedience, community, baptism, service, and surrendering every area of life to Christ.
- WHEN I OWN MY FAITH:

1. I commit to a community
2. I commit to becoming more like Jesus
3. I commit to a calling

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. **The sermon challenged us to stop "renting" our faith and start "owning" it. What do you think is the difference between those two mindsets, and where do you see yourself right now?**
2. **Why do you think God designed faith to be lived out in community rather than in isolation? How has the church or a small group helped you grow in your relationship with Jesus?**
3. **The demon-possessed man was transformed after encountering Jesus. What is one area of your life where you sense God is currently helping you become more like Christ?**
4. **The message said that Jesus will disrupt everything when we fully follow Him. What is one area of your life—your schedule, relationships, habits, priorities, or mindset—that God may be asking you to surrender or change?**
5. **The sermon highlighted three practical next steps: joining community, going public through baptism, and surrendering your life to Jesus. Which of these steps feels most relevant to you right now, and what would it look like to take action this week?**