



“You see, Jesus can take a man that everyone else – all his town, all his family, EVERYONE else – thinks is a raving lunatic... and He can transform them into someone that can literally change the world!”

- Pastor Michael Craft

Questions for your Family Devotions or Grace Groups:

Summary of Message, “Lipstick on a Pig”:

The term, “Lipstick on a pig” refers to the act of trying to make someone or something unattractive more appealing to others, even though it will obviously **remain** unattractive. This message is about the fact that Jesus doesn’t **TRY** to make this happen, He can actually **make** it happen! He can take that which the world sees as ugly and actually transform it into something awesome and usable for His Kingdom. In the passage of Scripture, we’ll be reading, Jesus transforms a man’s life – from a crazy, demon-possessed lunatic into a calm, in-his-right-mind, witnessing tool for God’s Kingdom. Jesus can do this, and does, with **anybody**... even someone with pig-like qualities.

1. Read **Mark 5:1-20**. What was something the Lord used to speak to **you personally** in this message?
2. What do we learn about demons from the actions of the possessed man? What does **James 2:19** mean?
3. The demons drove this guy to the ‘wilderness’ (**Luke 8:29**) and the Holy Spirit drove Jesus to the ‘wilderness’ (**Luke 4:1**). What does this say about when we go through ‘wilderness’ experiences?
[HINT: The devil will try and destroy us in those times, while the Holy Spirit will try to develop us in those times.]
4. Why do you think the towns people reacted as they did in **verse 17**? Why did Jesus react the way He did? What did He then do to show that He cared deeply for them?
5. In **verse 19** Jesus said, “no”. Why? Have you ever had God say “no” to you, only later to find that there was a ‘bigger picture’ you hadn’t seen?