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GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

Week Of: October 11-17, 2020

Text: Mark 5 (NIV)

GETTING STARTED:

1. What were your highlights and lowlights of this week?
2. Is there anything in the near future that you are hoping for?
3. Is there anything in the near future that you are dreading?

DIGGING IN:

1. Did anything from the passages in Luke 8, about the Gerasene man who was demon possessed, Jairus's daughter, or the woman with a flow of blood, confuse you or interest you, or stir anything in you?
2. Look at these three miracles in Luke 8, what comes before them and after them in succession? (think "Calming the Sea" and the "Transfiguration")
3. Does reading all of these stories in order, together, say or teach us anything that we might miss if we just read them separately?

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Is there a difference between being alone and being isolated? Share and explore.
2. Take a look inside. Who is your closest community right now? Who do you have in your life who knows you inside and out, who you could call and know they would pick up? Where are your communities? Do they ever overlap?
3. If you would care to share, have you had a great sorrow in your life? If so, when was it and what was it like? Do you have hope? Did you have hope? Have you ever been able to find hope again since?

PRAYER SUGGESTION:

Pray about where we might be living life in isolation, how could we bring others into our lives to shine light into our blind-spots? Consider joining a 12-step group through our care ministry (everybody has room to grow here).