



## ***Healing of a Demon Possessed Man***

**Luke 8:26-39**

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**Warm Up:** We have seen in our series that when Jesus encounters people He meets them at their greatest point of need. Jesus' message is specific, unique, and produces radical results in the life of each believer. This week's encounter draws us into the realm of the supernatural as we see Jesus' power to restore a madman and then release a missionary back to his hometown. In light of this, Bryan posed a couple of key questions. Respond as a group to the following:

- *What kind of life has Christ really called us to?*
- *Have we forgotten who has sent us? If so, how?*

❖ Read **Luke 8:26-33** aloud. Many of us have encountered those who are deeply struggling, though likely not to the extent of what we read about here.

- What can we learn from Jesus' encounter about how we might react when faced with a similar situation?
- There is always a spiritual battle taking place. How are we, as Jesus' followers, called to join this battle?
- What do you believe we are *to* do and what are we *not* to do?

❖ Read **Luke 8:34-37** aloud. We see in **verse 35** a significant change which had taken place in this man. Compare to **verse 27** as well as **Mark 5:3-5**.

- In what ways can you relate to this man's salvation story?
- Why do you think the people became afraid?
- Read **8:25** and discuss what was the difference between the disciples being afraid after Jesus calmed the storm and the people being afraid (**8:35**)
- What hindered the people, who saw the transformative power of Jesus, from seeking Him? How might we be the same at times?

**Wrap Up:** Read **Luke 8:38-39** aloud in your group. Did it surprise you that Jesus didn't let this man come with Him? How complicated was the message Jesus asked this man to deliver? Jesus has done a supernatural work in each of our lives! Is there something or someone in your life that needs to be released and set free (See **Luke 4:18!**) Close your time coming before the One who knows your name and your greatest need, offering your requests with boldness.