

Those Who Dwell In Tombs

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS

- What was the best field trip you ever went on? What made it so good?
- What did you learn?

THE SETTING - 5:1

Why do you think Jesus choose the Decapolis as the next stop on His field trip?

THE BONDAGE OF THE DEMON POSSESSED MAN - 5:2-6

- Consider the quote from The Dark Knight: "Some men aren't looking for anything logical... They can't be bought, bullied, reasoned, or negotiated with. Some men just like to watch the world burn." How is this a description of Satan and how he works?
- 2. How is the situation of the demon possessed man like all of us?

THE DELIVERANCE OF THE DEMON POSSESSED MAN - 5:7-13

- Have you ever experienced anything like what takes place here?
- What do these verses help you to understand about Jesus?
- How might knowing this about Jesus be encouraging to you?

THE RESPONSE TO WHAT WE'VE JUST WITNESSED - 5:14-17

- How did the people of the Decapolis respond to what they saw? Why?
- Are you ever tempted to respond to God as the people of the Decapolis did?
- How might what took place in the Decapolis help you to respond differently than the people did?

THE PURPOSE OF THE FIELD TRIP - 5:18-20

- What does this event help you to understand about God's kingdom?
- What purpose did Jesus give the redeemed man?
- What purpose has God given you?

PROCESSING ALL THAT...

Consider that God can redeem any person in any situation at any time.

- What does this mean for you to know this?
- Who do you know who needs to know this?
- How will you help them to understand this truth?