

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF THE SERVANT KING

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Mark 5:1-20

Warm Up:

(1) When did a vacation turn into something unpleasant that you never expected? (2) What would you like to control ... but can't? (3) Were you ever unhappy when told "no," but glad about it later?

Read Mark 5:1-20.

Digging Deeper:

1. Tim said, "we try to put things we can't control out of our minds." What have you run to? Food, alcohol, work, TV?
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-13. How does this verse affect your view on the battles in your life? What is our best response to evil?
3. Read Romans 6:16. What choices do you see here? How does it contrast with the world's view, which says "rules are slavery?"
4. Why do you think the Gerasene man wanted to go with Jesus? Read Mark 5:20. What happened instead?
5. Read Ephesians 2:1-5. What's wrong with "the ways of this world? How are we saved (v. 5)? What did God do?

Application:

Tim said, "We shouldn't want control." What alternative is there? How is control related to fear? Tim said, "Jesus is stronger than what we fear." If that's true, how should we handle our fears? Jesus rescued the Gerasene man, even though he had sided with the enemy. Does this change your view of your enemies? Your view of Jesus?

How have you seen --- or received --- God's Grace this week?