

Sermon Outline

Saved and Set Free to Proclaim the Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

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Main Idea: Through the encounter with Jesus of the man who had demons, we are reminded that God in Christ radically transforms our lives so that we can tell others the good news about the Kingdom of God. In short, we are ***saved and set free to proclaim the gospel.***

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1. A Divine Encounter
2. A Radical Transformation
3. A Mission to Go

Key Quotes:

"... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

"Jesus can do what nobody else can. He took a demon-possessed man, healed him, freed him, saved him, cleaned him, clothed him, taught him and turned him into his ambassador to the country of the Garasenes." John LeConte

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Luke 8:26-39 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss Jesus' encounter with the demon-possessed man. What was he like before Jesus arrived and what was he like after?
3. Though experiences can differ dramatically, take some time to ask some of your group to share their testimony of how God changed their lives when they first believed in Christ.
4. The demon-possessed man was a living testimony to a life under the power of darkness prior to Jesus' arrival. But after Jesus healed him and brought him to himself, he became a living testimony to the mercy, love and power of Jesus Christ. Re-read the 2 Corinthians 5 passage above and discuss how a greater recognition of the depth of understanding and appreciation for what Christ has done for us and in us will help motivate us to tell others the good news.
5. Close your time in prayer together giving thanks to God for rescuing us from the power and *"domain of darkness and for transferring us to the kingdom of his Son."* (Col 1:13)