



Awkward Freedom

Mark 5:1-20

Growth Group Discussion Questions for November 26, 2017

Getting Started:

- 1) What is the weirdest or most awkward situation you have ever experienced?

- 2) Why do you feel the townspeople wanted Jesus to go away?
 - Jesus ruined the town's economy and food supply in one short visit
 - Jesus' action changed their way of living together as a community through one act of mercy
 - Jesus' action contaminated their water with dead pigs. He was a destructive nuisance.
 - They were afraid of how his presence might change their lives even more if he stayed any longer
 - Other _____

- 3) Whose condition do you think was worse—the man who kept trying to break out of his chains by his own efforts or the townspeople who didn't realize they were chained to their community system and values?
 - Why do you think people focus on how change will negatively affect *them* instead of being able to rejoice in how it positively impacts *others*?
 - How do we tend to chain people who need to be freed today?

- 4) Do you agree with the statement "the biggest movements of God have been crushed by the church because of fear"? Explain.

- 5) The demon possessed man fell on his knees in a posture of submission and worship before Jesus. Do you believe this is a necessary posture for being freed from our own chains or was it just necessary for the demons in this story? Explain.

Bringing it Home:

- 6) Have you ever felt “stuck” or “chained” and tried to get free—and it seemed to work—only to find out later that you were actually still stuck?
- 7) What are some opportunities you have decided to give up in order to be free in Christ? What are some responses you’ve received from others when you took this action or made this choice? How do you know who to listen to?
- 8) What do you need from Jesus today?