

Sermon Series—**The Gospel of Mark**

Discussion Questions

Mark 5

Week of: February 4th- February 10th

1. In chapter 4 Jesus told the Parable of the Sower. Describe the different types of people who illustrate the different types of soil in chapter 5 and 6.1-6.
2. In 5:1-20 how does the destruction of the pigs illustrate the ultimate intent of Satan?
3. In 5:1-20 why do the people want to run Jesus out of town?
4. In 5:1-20 why would Jesus send the man back instead of letting him get in the boat?
5. In 5:1-20 how does this man give us a picture of true discipleship?
6. In 5:21-43 many have said that the main characteristic of the bleeding woman would be shame. How do her actions differ from how we normally handle issues that we are ashamed of? How do her actions lead to healing while ours often lead to more suffering?
7. In 5:21-43 if you were Jarius and your daughter was dying, how would you have reacted when Jesus took time to deal with this woman? How would you have reacted after that delay caused your daughter's death?
8. In 5:21-43 between Jarius, the synagogue ruler and the bleeding woman, which is the best example of true discipleship?
9. In Mark 6:1-6 we have a story that leads into mark 6.7 where Jesus sends out the disciples two by two, why would he take them to Nazareth before sending them out?
10. How does the gospel move forward in spite of rejection and disbelief?
11. Can you describe a time in which you missed God because the situation was too common to consider that he might be present? What are some actions that we consider mundane, but which Jesus might consider holy?
12. In response to Mark's purpose statement in 1:1, what do all these stories tell us about the identity of Jesus?