



Tell me the stories of Jesus

Small group questions

The older son - Luke 15:11-32 and the man with the legion of demons - Mark 5:1-20

Leaders - if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer - please contact the preacher!

The older son - read Luke 15:11-32

1. In Luke 15 there are three stories about 'lost' things. Who is Jesus speaking to (vs 1-2) and what is He trying to teach them?
2. The younger son takes his inheritance for granted and wastes it. Do we take what we have for granted and become wasteful? How do we respond to the poor or those in need both in our neighbourhood and beyond?
3. How and what can we learn from the father's response to his wayward son's homecoming?
4. With the father's response, it appears he is rewarding for wrong doing. Is this correct or is there another reason? (consider Repentance, Humility, Returning)
5. Compare the two son's attitudes. Is either right? Who does the older son represent in the context of the chapter (see again vv1-2)?
6. How do you respond to 'You are always with me' and 'everything I have is yours'? Some of us have to change our experiences of fathers and family to what God says about us, because we belong to HIS family now. EVERYTHING CHANGES!
7. What are some of the blessings we receive for being a child of God as listed in Ephesians 1?

The man with the legion of demons - read Mark 5:1-20

1. What must life have been like for this poor man before he met Jesus. What were some of the challenges he and the community faced?
2. How does the evil spirit immediately recognise Jesus for who he is? Why do the spirits beg Jesus not to send them out of the area and then why do they ask to be sent into the pigs?
3. Discuss the remarkable difference in the man after Jesus had released him from the evil spirits.
4. How would you have reacted if you had owned the pigs? Why do the people ask Jesus to leave? Note the contrast in other circumstances where crowds are flocking to Jesus.
5. Why does Jesus tell this man to go and tell people what had been done for him and yet at other healings Jesus tells those healed NOT to say anything?
6. Here is a marvellous picture of Jesus' victory over evil, his authority and his power to rescue the restore. This is a wonderful picture of the rescue from the clutches of evil we have received and of our restoration which will be wonderfully complete when Jesus returns!! All this is ours through Jesus' death and resurrection!!