

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Understanding Jesus

**Lesson 2:** Stewarding Understanding

**Lesson 3:** Exponential Growth

**Lesson 4:** A New Side of Jesus

## **Demons, Pigs & Gentiles**

**Mark 5:1-20**

*Seeing and understanding the truth about Jesus requires \_\_\_\_\_ with which to see. For us as humans, that can only come through the work of the Holy Spirit in us.*

**Discussion 1. Can you recall a time or circumstance where you gained an entirely new insight into Jesus, seeing him a little differently than ever before? Did you recognize that at the time as a work of the Spirit, opening your spiritual eyes? Do you recognize it that way now? What difference does that make?**

*Jesus' Spirit working through a believer serves two purposes: (1) it serves justice in the lives of the tormented and oppressed and (2) it \_\_\_\_\_ the believer to be more and more like Jesus.*

**Discussion 2. Do you think it is possible to do the work of "justice" in this world without becoming spiritually formed? As you help the underprivileged people in your community, how can you tell whether or not you are being "spiritually formed" in the process?**

*The parable of the soils is reality. Even in the face of clear miraculous spiritual power in Jesus Himself, many people wanted \_\_\_\_\_ with Him; and so it is with how the world will receive us as His followers.*

**Discussion 3. Why do you suppose Jesus wanted his disciples to see Him rejected by this community? Why is that important to us as His followers?**

*Following Jesus calls us to a regular rhythm of sitting with Him and learning and then going out and \_\_\_\_\_ to His love in the lost and broken communities in which we live.*

**Discussion 4. Some of us spend too much time DOING and not enough time just BEING with Jesus. Others spend too much time being with Jesus and not enough time doing ministry? Which direction does your balance tend to shift? Why do you suppose that is?**