



Week 5: Two Kingdoms

In Mark 5, Jesus heals a demon-possessed man which reveals a reality that we often overlook or just refuse to see—the unseen battle between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. Jesus came to wage war on this ulterior kingdom, but it's not just an ancient struggle; it's a war for our allegiance that affects every area of our lives today. If you've ever felt like life is a constant battle between good and evil, allow this story to open your eyes to the power of Jesus and His mission to bring healing, freedom, and restoration.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read **Mark 5:1-20**. When you read this story of a man possessed by a demon, what is your first reaction?
2. Have you ever thought about life as a battle between two kingdoms? How does that perspective change the way you see the world around you? What are some ways we see evidence of both in our world today?
3. Why do you think stories of demonic activity seem more common in the Bible than in our modern culture? Have you ever had an experience where you sensed spiritual opposition or something you couldn't explain? How did you respond?
4. What are some of the common ways Satan influences us in our American context? How can this pull us into the kingdom of darkness?
5. At the end of the story, the man is clothed and in his right mind. What does this say about the authority of Jesus and the good news of the Kingdom of God? In what ways can you bring your “demons” under the authority of Jesus to experience breakthrough?
6. How can we pray for each other as we seek to follow Jesus and resist the enemy's influence in our lives this week?