Mark 5 Discussion Questions

<u>Check In</u>: Did your student complete their challenge? Encourage them to do better this week. **Begin in prayer** and pray for them individual and specifically.

Recap Video: Watch the recap video from this past week's message here!

Bible Discovery: Read Mark 5:1-43

Main Idea: Are You Listening, Understanding, and Trusting?

**Use some, if not all, of the questions to facilitate a conversation about the scripture with your student. Mark has long chapters! Take multiple days to discuss if you need to! **

- 1) What initially sticks out from the passage of scripture you read? Do you notice any themes?
- 2) What is this passage teaching us about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?
 - a. What miracle does Jesus perform in this story? What does this story tell us about Jesus and his power?
 - b. We see in the story that the demons were subject to Jesus. Why do you think they had to obey what Jesus told them to do?
 - c. Why do you think Jesus stopped to address the woman with the flow of blood when he was on the way to heal Jairus' daughter who was dying?
 - d. How does Jesus heal the woman with the flow of blood? How did he heal Jairus' daughter?
- 3) What does this passage teach us about mankind and his relationship with God?
 - a. Describe the transformation of the man from Gadarenes.
 - i What was he like before Christ?
 - ii After Christ?
 - iii How does he approach Jesus?
 - iv What did he do after meeting Jesus and being healed?
 - v What did Jesus tell him to do?
 - b. Describe a situation in your life where you are sure God moved. How did it change you? How can you use this story to help witness to other people?
 - c. Notice the other people in the city of Gadarenes (**v.14-17**).
 - i How did they respond to Jesus healing the demon possessed man?
 - ii Why do you think they asked Jesus to depart from their city?
 - iii Why do you think the people in the Gadarenes would rather spent time raising pigs than spending time with Jesus or asking Him to heal their loved ones?
 - d. How did the people in Decapolis respond when the healed man shared his story?

- e. Describe the faith of Jairus. The woman with the flow of blood? How are they similar? Different?
- f. How did the people respond to Jesus when Jesus went into Jairus' home. Are there people that respond this way to Jesus today?
- 4) What is this passage challenging me to change in my life? In this story, we see a few major themes:
 - Jesus has power to heal even in the most difficult of situations
 - When Jesus changes us, we can use our story to share Jesus with others.
 - Not everyone responds joyfully to the positive workings of God.
 - Jesus has purpose in all that he does
 - The power of the words of God
 - a. What situation do you need to go to Jesus about? How can your small group pray for you?
 - b. Have you ever shared your story with someone? Who is someone you can share your story with?
 - c. How do you respond to God moving positively in other people's lives? Do you get jealous? Angry? Do you celebrate? How can you change your attitude towards positive things of God happening in other people's lives?
 - d. How are you prioritizing other things over God? How can you schedule more time with God?
 - e. What we see as inconvenient, God sees as purposeful. Sometimes God wants to interrupt our normal to teach us something or do something through us. How can you make sure you are available for these interruptions?

Closing Thought: Jesus calls us to go tell our world about Him. Our story is an excellent tool we can use to share Jesus with others.

<u>Challenge</u>: Encourage your students (**and yourself – Lead by Example!!**) to make a personal challenge that is specific and measurable that they can accomplish this week. End in prayer.

BONUS CHALLENGE: Challenge students to commit Luke 17:6 or Matt. 5:16 to memory!