

IT STARTS WITH ONE

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Week Three: Your Invitation

SERMON RECAP

What if ONE conversation could spark a chain reaction of transformation? Through the parable of the lost sheep and the stories of the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, Matt Reagan reminds us how often Jesus was focused on the One. Through the story of the demon-possessed man, He reveals how Jesus saw beyond surface struggles to unlock hidden potential. With vivid examples from ancient Palestine to modern family transformations, this message shows us how a single changed life can impact generations. Whether it's inviting a neighbor to Easter services or serving in the community, discovering how seeing people through Jesus' eyes—with compassion that looks past differences and current circumstances—we can start ripples of redemption.

GET STARTED

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

TAKE IT IN

What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?

TALK IT OVER

Read Mark 5:1-20

In the sermon, Matt discusses how Jesus crossed cultural and social boundaries to reach the demon-possessed man. **What does this teach us about how we should approach reaching people who are different from us?**

Jesus deliberately crossed the Sea of Galilee to reach a Gentile region that was culturally and religiously opposite to Jewish culture, showing His intentionality in reaching those who were different. **What personal boundaries or prejudices might be holding you back from sharing Christ's love with specific people or groups in your community? How does the transformation of one person (the demon-possessed man) impact an entire region, and what does this tell us about the power of individual transformation?**

The formerly demon-possessed man's testimony led to 4,000 people wanting to hear Jesus when He returned, and the church that grew from this became a center of Christianity for 250 years. **Who in your life has had a transformative impact on your faith journey, and how can you pay that forward to others? Based on Mark 5:1-20, what does Jesus's interaction with the demon-possessed man reveal about His approach to helping broken people?**

Jesus didn't interrogate the man about his past or judge him for his condition, but immediately moved to heal him and give him a new purpose. **How can we apply Jesus's approach of immediate acceptance and restoration in our interactions with people who are struggling?**

The sermon discusses people 'trying to find life in dead places.' **What are some modern examples of this, and why do people often pursue these paths?**

Matt mentions various examples like excessive gambling, unhealthy relationships, and addictive behaviors as ways people try to find fulfillment in destructive places. **What 'dead places' have you been tempted to find life in, and how has God shown you a better way? How does the concept of 'seeing beyond the invitation' change our perspective on evangelism and reaching others for Christ?**

Matt shares the story of a family whose lives were transformed through a simple invitation, leading to multiple family members coming to Christ and one becoming a pastor. **What potential impact might your next invitation to church or sharing of faith have that you cannot currently see?**

LIVE IT OUT

Who is your **'One'** that you can invite to Easter services this week? Pray and ask God for wisdom to discern opportunities and to give you boldness to connect with others this week.