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# Sermon Notes

Luke 8:26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." 29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. 34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 36 And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. ESV

## Big Idea:

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## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read Luke 8:26-39. From the early descriptions of the demon-possessed man, to what extent would you expect him to become a fully devoted follower of Christ? What can you learn from this?

### Tuesday:

Read Luke 8:26-39. How do you explain the people rejecting Jesus and asking him to leave in the face of overwhelming evidence that he is God, or at least a transcendent person? What can you learn from this?

### Wednesday

From Luke 8:38-39, what assignment does Jesus give the man? How was it different than what the man asked for? In what ways is the man's assignment essentially the same as ours as believers? How has Jesus transformed you? To what extent is your transformation telling? How can you tell it to others?

### Thursday:

Read Luke 8:26-39. Assuming that Jesus knew ahead of time how everything would turn out, what seems to be the primary purpose of the trip to the land of the Gerasenes? From this, what can you learn about Jesus? What difference does it make in your life?

### Friday:

From Luke 8:26-39, list all the aspects of the demon-possessed man that would have been dishonoring or unclean, particularly to the Jews of his day. List the ways Jesus treated the man in an honoring way. What does this tell you about the heart of Jesus? How has he honored you?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, as I reflect on how you have transformed me, I am deeply grateful. Help me to tell it to others. Amen.

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