

## IN THE MISSION OF GOD THERE ARE NO LOST CAUSES

### RECAP

Start by asking your Home Group to share any further reflections on the sermon.

**What stood out to you?**

**Did you learn anything new that you didn't know before? Do you have any questions?**

### IDEA 1

Jesus crossed the divide between Jewish territory and gentile territory when they traveled to the land of the Gerasenes in the Decapolis. This is a picture of the great divide that Jesus crossed in his incarnation to reach us. The condition of the Demoniac is also a vivid picture of the state we were in before Jesus crossed the divide for us. There is nowhere the *Missio Dei* does not go and no one it is not for (Mark 5:1-5).

**How does the reality of the lengths Jesus went for us and our condition prior to salvation influence the way we do missions?**

**Has God ever called you to follow Him or to minister in an uncomfortable situation?**

### IDEA 2

This Demoniac was the most uncomfortable person for the disciples to minister to and in their minds the most unlikely to follow Jesus. Yet, his encounter with Jesus changed everything and left him “clothed in his right mind” and asking to follow Jesus (Mark 5:6-18).

**Have you ever seen Jesus work through someone you didn't expect him to?**

**Why do you think we have a tendency to decide who is likely and unlikely to accept Christ?**

**Where else do you see God working through the unexpected (lost causes) in Scripture?**

## IDEA 3

Though this man begged Jesus to accept him as a disciple, Jesus said “no.” He said no, for the sake of the Gospel and gave this man a calling and a purpose to stay in this area and to share the Gospel with his own people.

**Has Jesus ever told you “no” for the sake of the Gospel, or because He had something else for you?**

**Who are your “own people?”**

**Why is it so difficult to share the Gospel with our own people and how can we overcome this?**

## APPLICATION

**Reflect on Mark 5:1-20, how will you faithfully live out the reality taught in this passage over the next week?**

Share your application with the group. Commit to checking in with one another during the week about this process.

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Take some time to pray for each other.

Take some time to listen first. Ask Spirit to share his heart for these requests. You may want to use a timer and set it for five minutes of quiet listening.

Open up the time for people to pray the things out loud that Spirit has prompted.