

# The Scariest Jesus Story Ever Told

## An enemy from the grave:

Mark 5:1-13

- ❶ Satan's plan is to **distort** and **destroy** God's image.

John 10:10, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Genesis 3:1-5

- ❷ If we don't know where we are **being attacked**,  
we have lost **the battle**.

Ephesians 4:17-28, Matthew 26:41, 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

- ❸ When it comes to spiritual warfare there are **two sides**,  
but it's not a **fair fight**.

1 John 4:4, 2 Thessalonians 2:8, Ephesians 6:10-18, James 4:7

## A call to take this back home:

Mark 5:14-20, Matthew 5:13-16, Ephesians 5:8, James 3:1-12

The focus of our story is not **Jesus**, but what Jesus **has done**.

Living out our faith at home will be the:

- ✓ **Hardest for us**
- ✓ **Most real for others**
- ✓ **Place of greatest impact**
- ✓ **Death of hypocrisy**

## The rest of the story:

Mark 5:20 + 7:31 + 8:1-10

# Life Group Study Questions

For the week of April 14, 2019

## MY STORY

1 What do you enjoy most about being at home?

2 Chris said living out our faith at home will lead to four things. Which one caught your attention the most and why?

3 Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1 This weekend in our study of Mark, we were given an incredible picture of the powerful effect we can have when we live out our faith back home. ("Home" meaning those who know us best including family, close friends and co-workers). God is giving us the opportunity to have an impact on those around us. That can be encouraging but it can also be humbling. Humbling, because if we're honest, we're our "real" selves at home and sometimes that can be messy. Fortunately, Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, lays out a number of "check points" to help them (and us) be affirmed and see what authentic faith in Jesus looks like.

This week we're going to take a closer look at what Paul tells the Ephesians about living out their faith at home to encourage us on how we're doing and how God wants to help us make a difference.

- 1) Read the verses in Ephesians 4 listed on the next page and jot down the check points Paul refers to.
- 2) How do you think the two people that know you best would grade you using the following scale?
  - a. Grown the most
  - b. Need to keep watch
  - c. You're doing well
- 3) Rank yourself in the third column.

### ***Ephesians 4 – New International Version (NIV)***

***Ephesians 4:2*** - Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

***Ephesians 4:3*** - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

***Ephesians 4:14*** - Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

***Ephesians 4:19*** - Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

***Ephesians 4:25*** - Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

***Ephesians 4:26*** - "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

***Ephesians 4:27*** - and do not give the devil a foothold.

***Ephesians 4:31*** - Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

***Ephesians 4:32*** - Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Check Points from Ephesians 4	Person #1	Person #2	Yourself
v. 2			
v. 3			
v. 14			
v. 19			
v. 25			
v. 26			
v. 27			
v. 31			
v. 32			

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An important element of home is a sense of safety and peace. In fact, God calls us to “seek peace and pursue it” (1 Peter 3:11/Colossians 3:15-16). It’s important to note that the peace that’s mentioned here doesn’t just happen. It also doesn’t mean just giving up for the sake of peace, but it’s something we actively pursue. How do the following verses help us understand what pursuing peace looks like?

**New International Version (NIV)**

Proverbs 15:1 & Proverbs 16:24

**Proverbs 15:1** - *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

**Proverbs 16:24** - *Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.*

Romans 12:17-21

**Romans 12:17-21** - *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Galatians 6:1-5, 9

**Galatians 6:1-5** - *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, <sup>5</sup> for each one should carry their own load.*

**Galatians 6:9** - *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

Colossians 3:13

**Colossians 3:13** - *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Which of the verses above is most important for you to remember regarding pursuing peace?

## TAKING IT HOME

- 1 Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPACT

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