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## Transformational

Luke 8:26-39

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

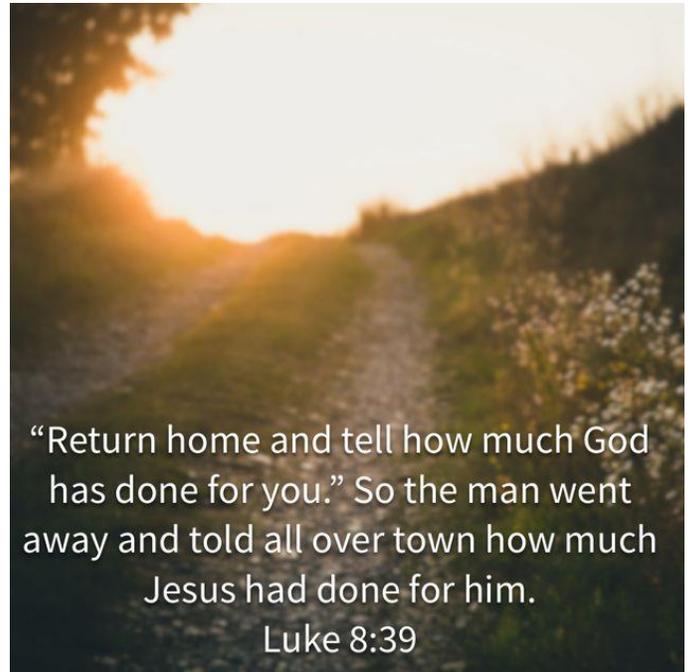
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we continue through Luke Chapter 8. In this passage we see Jesus sail to the region of the Gerasenes. When he arrived he met a man that had been demon possessed for some time. Jesus was immediately identified as one with power and authority even calling Him the Son of the Most High. Jesus drove the demons out of the man and into some nearby pigs. The man was delivered from his tormentors. When the man asked Jesus if he could travel with him Jesus said no. Instead, He sent the man back to his home town to share what Jesus had done for him. Join us this week as we talk about the transformational power of sharing our story.

## Healing of a Demoniac

26 So they sailed over to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 As Jesus stepped ashore, a certain man from the town met him who was possessed by demons. For a long time this man had worn no clothes and had not lived in a house, but among the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and shouted with a loud voice, "Leave me alone, Jesus, Son of the Most High God! I beg you, do not torment me!" 29 For Jesus had started commanding the evil spirit to come out of the man. (For it had seized him many times, so he would be bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard. But he would break the restraints and be driven by the demon into deserted places.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. 31 And they began to beg him not to order them to depart into the abyss. 32 Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and the demonic spirits begged Jesus to let them go into them. He gave them permission. 33 So the demons came out of the man and went into the pigs, and the herd of pigs rushed down the steep slope into the lake and drowned. 34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran off and spread the news in the town and countryside. 35 So the people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus. They found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the man who had been demon-possessed had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the Gerasenes and the surrounding region asked Jesus to leave them alone, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and left. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare what God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole town what Jesus had done for him.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Who are the Gerasenes?

9. Who said “leave me alone Jesus, Son of the Most High God.”?

10. What is meant by the name Legion?

11. What was Jesus’ relationship with the demons?

12. Why do you think the people feared Jesus?

13. Why was the man not allowed to go with Jesus? Where was he sent?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Sometimes we feel we don't know enough to share Jesus. How much could this man have known when he was sent to tell what Jesus had done?

15. Do you think the man's testimony was powerful? What makes our testimonies powerful?

16. How does this passage strengthen our faith in Jesus?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*