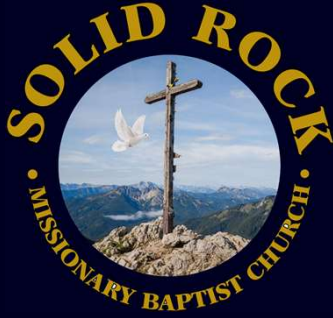
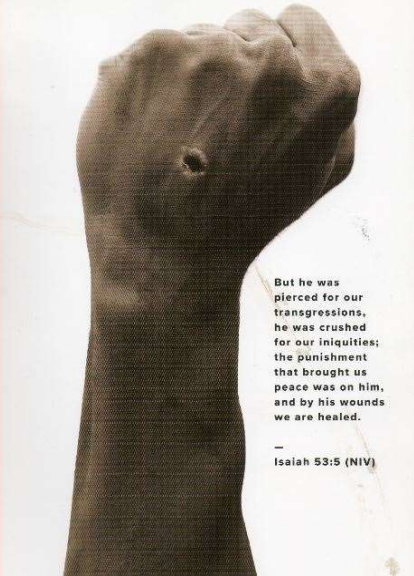


# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



**TRUTH, JUSTICE,  
AND POWER** THE JESUS WAY



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## Study Schedule June – July 2020

| Date      | Topic                                     | Scriptures               |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| 6/3/2020  | Depend On God                             | Genesis 39:1- 6, 16 – 23 |
| 6/10/2020 | Making A Bold Move                        | Numbers 27:1 – 11        |
| 6/17/2020 | God's Justice and The Burning Bush        | Exodus 3:1 – 10          |
| 6/24/2020 | Seeking Salvation and Choosing Compassion | Luke 10:25 – 37          |
| 7/1/2020  | Break                                     | No Study                 |
| 7/8/2020  | Worship Anchors My Soul                   | John 4:7 – 24            |
| 7/15/2020 | Share the Good News                       | Mark 5:1 – 19            |
| 7/22/2020 | Protection: Who's Got Your Back?          | I Samuel 19:1 – 7        |
| 7/29/2020 | Faithful: Advancing The Good News         | Acts 18:1 – 4, 18 – 26   |

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## This Week's Lesson – July 15, 2020

### Truth, Justice and Power – The Jesus Way

#### Lesson 6:

#### Share The Good News

#### Mark 5:1 – 19

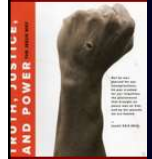


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### Group Discussion

How can the Church bring the power of God to bear against the injustices plaguing our communities?

- Through Prayer/Fasting: Confronting Demonic oppression is Spiritual warfare and requires the church to employ spiritual weapons.
- Through Love and Compassion: Treating people in need with Lovingkindness – remembering how God delivered us.
- Through Practical Action: Directing struggling people (mental illness, addiction, etc.) to Community resources coupled with Prayer and the Word of God.



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## Introduction to Mark's Gospel

**Author:** John Mark, associate of the Apostle Peter – later joining Paul and Barnabas on missionary journeys.

**Date of Writing:** Mark's Gospel one of the 1st NT books - A.D. 55-59.

**Purpose of Writing:** Mark's Gospel was likely written to Gentiles to strengthen their faith in Christ in the midst of persecution.

### Practical Application:

- Mark's Gospel is one of "Action". As followers of Christ, we are to be engaged in acts of service.
- Jesus exhorted us that to be great in God's kingdom, we must be the servant of all (Mark 10:44).
- Self-sacrifice should transcend our need for recognition or reward, just as Jesus did.



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## Overview of Mark 4:35 – 5:9



Jesus And His Disciples To Head Into A Storm While Crossing The Galilee



Jesus Calms The Winds And The Waves



Jesus Meets The Demon-Possessed Man.


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# Read Mark 5:1 – 19

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1. Why was the possessed man living alone? Do we force or create situations where people live alone today?

- **He Experienced Internal Torment:** The man experienced torment from the legion of unclean demonic spirits.
- **He Expressed External Torment:** The evil spirits made the man do harm to himself (cutting, not taking care Himself) and to others (abnormal behavior, strength...)
- **We Have Trouble Dealing With The Tormented:** Many times we feel that it is easier to avoid tormented people, rather than seek the Lord to intercede on their behalf.



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## 2. What did the evil spirits do to the man?

- **Abnormal Mindset:** The demons affect the man's mind. He was not thinking like a "normal" person does.
- **Abnormal Behavior:** The demons caused him to behave in evil and abnormal ways (living in a graveyard, not sleeping, cutting himself, naked, crying...)
- **Abnormal Attributes:** The man had supernatural, demonic strength, where he could not be naturally controlled.

***Note:*** *The devil and his forces has power to influence people to do evil things they could not normally do. But God has power that is even greater.*



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## 3. Why couldn't a strong group of people hold the man and keep him locked up in the community?

- **The People Were Helpless:** They were overwhelmed because of the power and number of demons that were plaguing the man.
- **The People Were Hopeless:** Even when they were able to capture and chain the demonic man, he would break out – even from chains made of iron...
- **The People Were Powerless/Faithless:** The people attempted to fix this man by human/natural means – but never looked to God and to His Power.



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#### 4. How did the demons respond to Jesus presence?

- **They Witnessed the Presence of Jesus:** The Demons recognized who Jesus was/is - even from a far off and ran to Him in submission.
- **They Worshipped The Person Of Jesus:** The demons worshipped Him, proclaiming Him as the Son of God, The Most – High God.
- **They Worried/Feared the Power Of Jesus:** The demons cowered in fear – knowing that Jesus has the power to deal forcibly and severely with them.

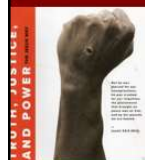
*Note: The demons know Jesus, recognizing His Power and respond in worship. How much more should we...*



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#### 5. What did Jesus do that others could not or did not know how to do?

- **Confront the Demons:** By His Power and Authority Jesus could stand before them and stop them from what they were doing.
- **Control the Demons:** Jesus was/is able to make the demons submit to Him and to His Word
- **Cast Out the Demons:** Jesus by the power of His Word is able to cast the demons out of the man and to go into the pigs.



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6. How does Jesus speak in to our lives today in ways that no one else can?

- **Jesus Speaks Through The Scriptures:** His Word, The Bible is living and powerful. We can find His will, ways and wisdom in His Word.
- **Jesus Speaks By His Spirit:** The Holy Spirit speaks to us to comfort, guide and empower us in our trials.
- **Jesus Speaks To Our Situation:** In the midst of trouble and uncertainty, Jesus has the truth that helps us no matter what we are going through.



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7. How did the demoniac man respond to his healing and new freedom?

- **He Changed:** He went from being naked and crazy to being clothed and in His right mind.
- **He Committed:** He was sitting with Jesus (seeing Jesus/seeing him) He was committed to the Lord wanting to go with Him.
- **He Communicated/Testified:** The man after being told by Jesus to go home and testify he told his story to everyone (vs. 20).



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## 7. Why is it important for us to share our story of deliverance?

- **To Give Encouragement:** To let people know that they are not alone in their struggles.
- **To Give Hope:** To let people know that if God did it for you, He can do it for them too.
- **To Give God the Glory:** Our stories of triumph and victory moves us to praise God for the great things He has done.

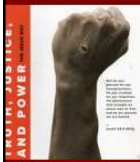


**“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony...” (Rev. 12:11)**

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## 8. Even the demons knew Jesus and His power. How can Christians be bold in our faith in showing what Jesus can do for others?

- **Pray For Boldness:** Ask God to fill us with the power of the Spirit to make us Bold in sharing our faith with others.
- **Pray For Understanding:** Ask God to help us to become more familiar with all He has done in His Word.
- **Pray For Compassion:** Ask the Lord to help to see hurting afflicted people as Jesus sees them. Valuable and in need of a Saviour.



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## Keys For Living

- Our battles we face are not natural or with other people per se, but spiritual against Satan and his demonic forces (cf. Eph. 6:12).
- The devil, while more powerful than we are in our own strength, is no match for the Lord Jesus and His Word.
- Part of the purpose of Jesus delivering us from our trials and sins is to provide us with a testimony that God can use to help others.



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**GO HOME TO  
YOUR FRIENDS  
AND TELL THEM  
HOW MUCH THE  
LORD HAS DONE  
FOR YOU AND  
HOW HE HAS HAD  
MERCY ON YOU.**

**MARK 5:19**

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