



Supernatural: Demons | October 18, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

The Bible is full of weird, freaky stuff...even exorcist/demon type stuff. Let's take a look.

Key Verse

Mark 5:19 (NLT)

But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been."

Discussion

Exorcisms, demons, ghosts—there is a lot of weird, wild stuff out in the world. These things can be scary and often unbelievable especially if we haven't experienced something like it in our own lives.

1. Do you enjoy weird, freaky things or are you a person who hates them?
2. What are some things you tell yourself or others to rationalize weird, freaky stuff?

Obviously, Hollywood sensationalizes things, but can any of it be real? The Bible is full of these freaky and eerie occurrences. One example is Jesus casting demons out of a possessed man [Read Mark 5:1-20]. This can seem downright crazy to many of us, because we have never experienced anything like that. The good news is whether we have any experience with sci-fi type occurrences or not, we can learn some valuable lessons from these supernatural Bible accounts.

3. How do supernatural stories in the Bible make you feel? Why?
4. What do you think about when reading this story?

When Jesus casts the demons out of a possessed man, even evil acknowledges the presence of God. In fact, the demons ask Jesus to show them mercy. Demon possession is weird, even crazy. Although our lives may not contain demon possession, our lives are still full of crazy things that can only be calmed by Jesus. In Mark 5:19, Jesus tells the man to share with others how God engaged him in his darkest moments.

5. What, if any, practical life application do you gather from this crazy story?
6. What are some crazy places in your life that you need Jesus to calm?

What's Next?

We may not experience demons, but it is safe to say there are things in our lives that seem inexplicable and unbelievable. As you go about your daily life, invite God into the crazy parts of your life, share your experiences with others, and be willing to step into the crazy parts of other people's lives. Believe it or not, you are not the only one going through crazy life experiences, and Jesus uses instances like this to help people see God.