

# PEARL *Adventure Awaits*

Sunday, October 10, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 4 | **Reveal**

Acts 17:26-27; Mark 5:1-20

Stories are **POWERFUL**,

they echo God's story

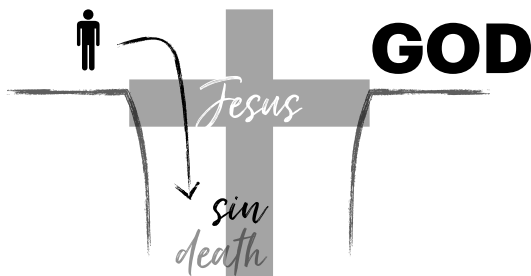
God communicates through story

so be able to share **GOD'S STORY**

Creation / Fall / Rescue / Restoration

the "Bridge" as one example

Romans 3:23 | 6:23a | 5:8 | 6:23b | 10:9 | 10:13



and ready to share **YOUR STORY!**

**Paul shares his story**

Acts 9, 22, 26; 1 Corinthians; Philipians; Galatians

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**PRAY** *for them*  
**EAT** *with them*  
**ASK** *questions*  
**REVEAL** *your story*  
**LOVE** *them tangibly*

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:45-46 (ESV)



# life groups Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Welcome to Life Groups! Most of this week's questions (and more!) can be found in the PEARL Guidebook.

## Conversation Kick-Starters

- You will need paper and pen for participation in a simple game.  
**Group Facilitator:** Be prepared to ask a series of "What if" questions and have others in your group draw what you ask. Ex. "What if...Dogs have chicken legs...Forests were made of candy...?"

## Devotional Discussion

The devotional this week focused on "neighboring", being a good neighbor to those God puts in your path.

- What challenged or impacted you from your reading and journaling this week?
- What from your processing this week are you feeling prompted by God to act on?

**Group Facilitator** | Consider picking one question from each Daily Reflection in the PEARL Guidebook this week and discussing as a group.

## Follow Me

In the Bible, read **Mark 1:15**. In it, what does Jesus ask people to do?

Repentance is a rich biblical term that signifies an elemental transformation in someone's mind, heart, and life. When people repent, they turn from walking in one direction to running in the opposite direction. From that point forward, they think differently, believe differently, feel differently, love differently, and live differently.

Fundamentally, then, repentance involves renouncing a former way of life in favor of a new way of life. So often we assume that the essence of the Christian life is about being forgiven of our sin (although that is important). Many professing Christians are stuck there: believing that Jesus has cleansed them from their sins, yet lacking true, authentic, real, radical change in their lives.

### Get Your PEARL Guidebook!

We've published a 5-week daily devotional to accompany this series, complete with Group Discussion questions that you can use with your Life Group or with a friend as you work through it together. Get yours at the Connect Desk, or download a PDF and find other PEARL tools online at [youareloved.church/pearl](http://youareloved.church/pearl).



**Read Ezekiel 36:26** in the Bible. In it, what does it say God will give to you as you follow Him?

The Christian life becomes nothing less than the outliving of the indwelling Christ. This concept could greatly affect how you use your time, money, energy, schedule, and stuff.

## Group Reflection

- Read Matthew 13:44-46.** What did people give up for the pearl or the field? To them, why was it worth it to do so?
- What are the most challenging sacrifices that come with prioritizing those far from God in your calendar or schedule?
- In the busyness of our life, we can easily forget about our non-Christian friends and family members. What are practical ways, or tools, to keep them in mind – both for prayer and for living out PEARL?

# Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

## Word Find for Mark 5:15-20 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

15 And they **came** to **Jesus** and saw the **demon-possessed** man, the one who had had the **legion**, **sitting** there, **clothed** and in his **right mind**, and they were **afraid**. 16 And those who had **seen** it **described** to them what had **happened** to the **demon-possessed** man and to the **pigs**. 17 And they **began** to beg **Jesus** to **depart** from their **region**. 18 As he was **getting** into the **boat**, the man who had **been possessed** with **demons** begged him that he might be with him. 19 And he did not **permit** him but **said** to him, "Go **home** to your **friends** and **tell** them how **much** the **Lord** has **done** for you, and how he has had **mercy** on you." 20 And he went away and **began** to proclaim in the Decapolis how **much Jesus** had **done** for him, and everyone marveled.

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