

# When Your Mission Field is Right at Home

MARK 5:1-20

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## 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, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Introduction

### In a Sentence...

Sharing Christ is not just for the **PROFESSIONALS**, but is for **EVERYONE** who calls himself or herself a Christian.

### Mark 5:1-20

Background...

↓ The **ENCOUNTER** Mark 5:1-8

Set **FREE** Mark 5:9-13

The **FEAR** Mark 5:14-17

↗ **SHARE** at Home Mark 5:18-20

Where can I start?

### Welcome Back to Life Groups!

This week we kick off our Fall Semester of Life Groups! Each week as we meet we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

#### Share with the Group:

*If you went on a "volunteering vacation", who would you most like to go with and help?*

### Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. What are a couple things you most enjoy about being "home"? (As opposed to on the road, or out of town, etc.) Share with your group.
2. **Read Mark 5:1-20.** Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?  
*Discuss it with your group before moving on.*
3. This weekend in our study of Mark 5, 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—i.e. those in our "backyard"). 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.






Look up and read the verses in **Ephesians 4** listed on the next page and jot down the check points Paul refers to.

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# Welcome to Wawasee!

**OUR OUTCOMES** This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

*If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...*

-  1 | **Receiving From God.** Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
-  2 | **Responding To God.** How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
-  3 | **Receiving From Others.** Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
-  4 | **Moving Toward Others.** How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
-  5 | **Going to those Far from God.** How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

## Word Find in the Word

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

### Word Find: Mark 5:18-20 (Amplified Bible Paraphrase)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>18</sup> And **when** He had **stepped** into the **boat**, the man who had **been controlled** by the **unclean spirits kept begging** Him that he might be with Him. <sup>19</sup> But **Jesus refused** to **permit** him, but **said** to him, Go **home** to your own **[family and relatives and friends]** and **bring back word** to them of how **much** the **Lord** has **done** for you, and [how He has] had **sympathy** for you and **mercy** on you. <sup>20</sup> And he **departed** and **began** to **publicly proclaim** in **Decapolis** [the **region** of the ten **cities**] how **much** **Jesus** had **done** for him, and all the **people** were astonished and marveled.

M B A C K D Y B V Y W I M F  
R E F U S E D O N E H T U F  
E G P R O C L A I M E R C Y  
G A D E P A R T E D N B H S  
I N F E Y P U B L I C L Y C  
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N P I R E L A T I V E S I E  
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T I D S E P U N C L E A N M  
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K G K L O R D P E O P L E M  
E P F A M I L Y U B E E N B  
P E R M I T B W O R D F L I  
T R R U H S A I D U G D A J

## life groups Study Guide (continued)

"CHECK POINT"	PERSON 1	PERSON 2	YOU
4:2			
4:3			
4:14			
4:19			
4:25			
4:26			
4:27			
4:31			
4:32			

4. After recording the "check point" for each verse above, grade yourself. How do you think the two people that know you best would grade you?  
**A** = doing pretty good!    **B** = doing okay...    **C** = needs some work...  
 Now rank yourself in the 3rd column.
5. An important element of home is a sense of safety and peace. In fact, God calls us to "seek peace and pursue it" (**1 Pet. 3:11/Col. 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?

Proverbs 15:1 & 16:24

Romans 12:17-21

Galatians 6:1-5, 9

Colossians 3:13

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

### Prayer

*As you close, take time to pray for each other.*

This week's Study Guide is adapted from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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