

TRANSFORMED

4. FROM CHAINS TO FREEDOM

Sermon Notes

Text: Luke 8:26-39

Intro:

True transformation begins with an encounter with God.

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus is Lord over everything

Romans 8:18

i. The demoniac serves as a powerful example of the long term effects of sin (v. 27)

Demons or sin both lead to a loss of humanity.

ii. How should we react when we encounter people who resemble the demoniac?

Matthew 9:36

Our response to those who suffer should be the same as Jesus:
Compassion.

iii. What are demons and what do they do?

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.” ~C.S. Lewis

Ephesians 6:12-13

“It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing. Murder is no better than cards if cards can do the trick. Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one--the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.” ~Screwtape (*The Screwtape Letters*)

2 Timothy 2:24-26

To experience transformation we need to get near Jesus (v. 27)

To experience transformation we need to submit ourselves to Jesus (v. 35)

To sustain our transformation, we need to proclaim it (v. 39)

Revelation 12:11

Conclusion:

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Have you seen the transformation videos shown the last 4 Sundays (also available on social media)? What did you think about those stories? Why is it so important that people tell their transformation stories?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Luke 8:40-56. These stories immediately follow the story of the demoniac and the story of Jesus calming the sea. Together, these four accounts represent Jesus' ability to transform seemingly impossible situations. Have you ever experienced Jesus transforming a seemingly impossible situation? Are you facing any impossible situations right now for which you need Jesus' power?
2. What are your thoughts on the existence and work of the devil and demons? Do you ever think about them? Do you think about them too much? Does it make you afraid? Where do you see them at work (if you do)?
3. Read Ephesians 6:10-13 & 2 Timothy 2:24-26. These two passages represent how we can defend ourselves from the devil and demons, and how we can help others escape the work of the devil and demons. What do you notice about the strategies? Is there something specific you need to apply?

4. Read Luke 8:38-39. Why do you think Jesus refused to let the man go with him? Why did he instruct him to go tell his story? Why was that important? Why is it important for us to tell our stories of transformation?

Application:

1. Do you have a concise way to share your personal story of transformation? A five minute version? A 30 second elevator ride version? Work on that this week, and look for an opportunity to tell someone your story.

Prayer:

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