



Jesus First Over My Heart

Sermon Points: Mark 5:1-20

Cultivate – Growing Christ-centered disciples who relentlessly engage the world for God's Glory.

Oikos - We see this word all throughout the New Testament. It's a word that means household, but often it would refer more broadly than just your immediate family. It would also encompass your relational sphere of influence. That's why Jesus said, "Go home, to your friends." Literally, "Go to your home, to your people!"

Group Opener:

If this is your first week back to small group after the summer – What did you miss most about not having small group this summer?

Or

If your group continued to meet during the summer - What was your favorite small group memory this summer?

Discussion Questions:

1. Tell us about a time that your trust in God grew to the point that you knew you had to share your faith with others.
NOTE: Leaders please prepare an answer to this first question and share with depth.
2. Read Mark 5:19-20. What is it significant about this man's request of Jesus and how Jesus responds to him?
3. What is the biblical concept of Oikos, have each person share 2 people who could be part of their Oikos?
4. Out of the 5 practical suggestions to plant gospel seeds among your Oikos, what is one or two you want to be intentional to do?
 - Pray specifically for people in your oikos who do not know Christ.
 - Welcome new people in your neighborhood.
 - Pay attention to the foreigner among you.
 - Plant gospel seeds through the way you live your life.
 - Plant gospel seeds through the words you speak.