


OPERATION Decapolis



Endurance Church

“The man who took Jesus to the 10 cities!”

Luke 8:26-39

1. Jesus and the disciples arrived to “the GPS location!”

- Verse 26 – “so they arrived...”
- This was a specific place where Jesus knew ahead of time that a demon possessed man would be!
- Jesus has a GPS location on every person on this planet...where they are, how they are living and whether or not they are lost!

2. We pray that every lost, troubled, confused and broken person finds their way to Jesus!

- Verse 27 – “As Jesus was climbing out of the boat, a man who was possessed by demons came out to meet him.”
- God had the power to draw this man to Him! Even full of demons!
- John 6:37 / John 6:44 (God drawing us to Him is His part...we respond to Him or not!)
- God draws us to Jesus. If He did not we would never come! John 6:65
- We are all enemies of God and need His Salvation! Romans 5:10 / Romans 3:23
- No one goes to Heaven unless they go through Jesus Christ! John 14:6
- Our hearts are so sinful and sick with sin Jeremiah 17:9...we need a Savior!
- Thank God for the Holy Spirit today! John 16:8
- When we realize our sinful condition, we turn to Jesus by repenting of our sins and placing our entire faith and trust in Him for New life! Acts 17:30-31 / John 1:9 / Romans 6:23 / Romans 10:13 / Romans 10:9-10 / 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Just like the demoniac man...your encounter with Jesus is not an accident! He drew you just like He did this man!

3. Jesus is the highest power, authority and name!

- Verses 28-33
- **Key verse** – Verse 32 – “So Jesus gave them permission!”
- The demons begged Jesus! Jesus is in charge and in control!
- Philippians 2:9-11 / Acts 4:12 / Matthew 28:18
- This is how / why we go and share Jesus with everyone! Matthew 28:18-20

Closing: Here is the most beautiful part of the story...a truly changed life!

- Verse 38 - "The man who had been FREED from the demons..."
- He is now in his RIGHT mind with a RIGHT heart and a RIGHT spirit!
- The power of Jesus and His Salvation can transform any person that allows Him too!

What is the FIRST response of this man after his Salvation?

- Verse 38 - "...begged to go with Jesus."
- He wanted to be right next to Jesus and never leave his side! He wanted show Jesus his love and appreciation for what Jesus has done for him!
- The gratitude and thankfulness from this man being saved shows us the true JOY of Salvation!

Jesus tells the man to go home!

- Verse 38 -39 - "But Jesus sent him home, saying, "No, go back to your family, and tell them everything that God has done for you!"
- First- this man had a family! How many people do we know that are destroying their family and away from Jesus? Who knows what took them away, but they have a family and need to be restored!
- Second - he did not just go tell his family - he went big time! Mark 5:20 tells us - "So the man started off to visit the 10 towns of that region (Decapolis) and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; everyone was amazed at what he told them!"
- Jesus went to a very specific GPS location to find this man! This man, then went to all kinds of GPS locations in the surrounding area to tell everyone about what Jesus had done for him!
- What is the Good News of Jesus? Luke 8:39 - "proclaiming the GREAT THINGS Jesus had done for him."
- We tell people about what Jesus has done and is doing in our lives! The POWER of PROCLAIMING that will lead people to Salvation!!!!
- Romans 2:4 - **God has been kind to you and you share this kindness with others!!!**

My mind and heart are clear! My vow to Jesus is strong! My passion is unbreakable! My motive is sharing Jesus to everyone! My mission is the lost! My call to do this will never end while I'm alive!

Howell County Map: Just look at where God has placed you! Just look at who you know! Just look at the homes! Just look at the families! Just look at the individuals!

***This map is a picture of all of the lives that Jesus can change when we TELL of what Jesus has done for us and them!**

***Jesus can literally change the schools, homes and region by all of us doing this one thing!**
***Darkness can longer hide God's Mercy and Grace in this region! The light is too great!**