

## TURNING POINTS

Luke 8:26 – 39

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### MESSAGE NOTES

**“The men of this army came together with one purpose, to utterly subdue and humiliate those peasants who were surrounded with mountains as walls.” – Johannes Vitoduranus**

*Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. – Luke 8:26 (ESV)*

*When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, “What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man...*

*Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him... Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned...*

*Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid...*

*The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you...” – Luke 8:27 – 39 (ESV)*

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*“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you...” – Luke 8:39*

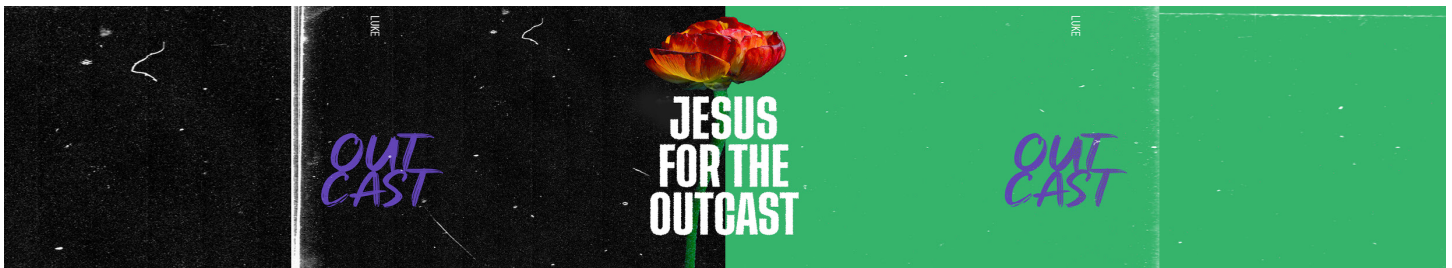
#### **ADMIT IT: Admit our need for help from Christ**

- Repentance is turning from sin to God.
- Repentance is a genuine grief over our sin before God that leads to a deeper life in Christ.

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9 (ESV)*

#### **NAME IT: Name what we are battling before the Lord**

*For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. – Luke 8:29 – 31 (ESV)*



*Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. – Luke 8:32 – 33 (ESV)*

### **MOVE IT: Move toward Christ**

*Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind... – Luke 8:35 (ESV)*

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. – Colossians 1:13 – 14 (ESV)*

### **PROCLAIM IT: Proclaim what God has done for us**

*The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."*

*And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.  
– Luke 8:38-39 (ESV)*

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– Revivalist Charles Finney**



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion starter: Share a “turning point” story from your life or from history with someone sitting next to you.
- Revivalist Charles Finney once said, “Revival consists of nothings less than a new beginning of obedience to God.” What did Finney mean by that definition? How have you seen it displayed in your life or someone in your life?
- Pastor Jon defined repentance as “repentance is a genuine grief over our sin before God that leads to a deeper life in Christ.” How does the story of the “man in the tombs” display that Biblical truth? Why does genuine repentance ultimately lead to joy and a deeper walk with Christ?
- Why is it sometimes easy to become comfortable with sin or darkness in our lives? What are some of the warning signs (personally and around others) that God gives us to reveal something we need to give over to Him in repentance?
- Read 1 John 1:9. Why is this verse such a powerful, life-giving promise?
- Why is it so important to name our battles before God? Why is admitting our need for help to both God and others such a powerful part of a turning point?
- Share with someone sitting next to you a significant turning point in your life and how God’s grace was evident to you.
- Discuss what we learned from the story of “the man in the tombs” in Luke 8. What is your biggest takeaway from the message this week?
- Read Luke 8:38 – 39. Why do you think Jesus sent this man away and back to his home? Share something God has done for you recently or how He is speaking to you through His Word this week.