

Suggested Worship Order

March 22, 2020

(The activities and order are up to you!)

Open with a simple prayer of thanksgiving for daily divine mercies, acknowledging God’s mighty faithfulness, asking for His forgiveness and for His blessing as you gather.

Read a passage of Scripture. Psalm 131 is a good psalm for the day.

Sing a familiar hymn or song. Nowadays you can download the lyrics of almost every hymn or song you can think of. Some suggested hymns: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise; How Firm a Foundation; Mercies Anew (Altrogge and Kauflin)*.

View the preaching. One advantage of the viewing is that you can stop the preacher in the midst of his sermon! If viewing with family or friends, this can give you an opportunity to either ask a question about what is said, or discuss a point that was made. You probably would be wise not to do this too much or you might forget where the message was going!

Just to help you know where the preacher is going, here is a brief outline:

“The Lord Over the ‘Legion’”

Luke 8:26-39

- I. **The Poignant Encounter, vv. 26-30.**
 - A. *The Miserable Presence.*
 - B. *The Mighty Presence.*
- II. **The Powerful Exorcism, vv. 31-33.**
 - A. *Pleading with Jesus.*
 - B. *Passing into the Pigs.*
- III. **The Pathetic Eviction, vv. 34-37.**
 - A. *The Frantic Report.*
 - B. *The Full Restoration.*
 - C. *The Fearful Rejection.*
- IV. **The Personal Evangelism, vv. 38-39.**
 - A. *A Humble Request Denied, v. 38.*
 - B. *A Happy Responsibility Fulfilled, v. 39.*

Sing a song when the sermon is over. Suggested: *I Will Glory in My Redeemer; Only in God* (John Michael Talbot); *Meekness and Majesty*.

Spend time in discussion or reflection on what you heard.

[Possible Discussion Questions]

- The demonized man presents us with a very desperate case of need. How is his neediness seen in verses 27, 29-30?
- What are some present-day “desperate cases,” those who are living lives out of control to their own destruction?
- The presence and activity of “demons” is seen often in the gospel accounts. What should we think about the existence of these supernatural evil creatures? (Consider Eph. 6:11-12; Col. 2:15; Eph. 1:19-23)
- In this meeting of “mano a mano,” i.e., hand to hand, between Jesus and the demons, who had the greater and upper hand?
- How is Jesus’ authority seen in the conversations he has with the demons?
- What do demons confess and know about Jesus (see Lk. 4:34, 41; 8:28)? Do they believe in Jesus? Do they submit to Jesus?
- What does Jesus’ control over demons and His casting them indicate (see Lk. 11:20-22)?
- How is “salvation” like the scene we have of the demon-free man with Jesus in verse 35?
- Why did the people want Jesus to leave? How should they have responded to Him?
- What have you learned about Jesus that can help increase your faith, confidence, and trust in Him?
- What good example of devotion to Jesus does the demon-free man give to us in verses 38-39? (There may be several answers to this.)
- Who does the demon-free man think Jesus is?
- Who is Jesus to you?

Close with prayer, thanking God for His Word, asking Him to help you to understand, hold on to, and faithfully apply what you have heard.