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Witnessing

Memorization Verse: Mark 5:19

“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”

What could you tell someone about how your life has changed because of Christ? Have you thought about how to give a clear explanation of your faith?

Peter wrote “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15). As someone who has experienced God’s salvation, you have much to share.

In Mark 5 we read how Jesus encountered a man who was demon-possessed and live in tombs. Jesus exercises compassion and heals the man.

As Jesus was leaving the man begged him to let him come along. Jesus’ reply – the memory verse for this lesson – was that the man should instead return home and share his new-found life with others. The man did so, and “all the people were amazed” (Mark 5:20).

We also were living in ‘tombs’ of deadly sin before we received Christ as our Lord and Savior. We have good news to share with others!

EXPLORING Mark 5:19

What did Jesus tell this man to share with members of his family?

Read Mark 5:2-5 and 5:15. What impact do you think this man’s changed life would have on his family?

“TELL THEM HOW MUCH THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU”

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. What does God say we are?

2. In Act 4:18-20 Peter and John were ordered not to speak of teach in the name of Jesus. Why did Peter and John say they could not obey this order (verse 20)?

3. Write a brief paragraph summarizing the most important things you believe the Lord has done for you.

4. Read Romans 1:16. Why can we have confidence in speaking to others about the good news of Jesus Christ?

“TELL THEM . . . HOW HE HAS HAD MERCY ON YOU”

5. What important facts do you see in these verses about why and how God saved you?

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:8

John 1:12

6. Describe in your own words the truth of Romans 5:1 as you have experienced it in your life.

7. How did Paul summarize the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4?

8. You are sure to receive a variety of responses as you share your faith with others. Many will raise objections to the Gospel and will not recognize their need of Christ. Read the following Scriptures and explain how they apply to the objections of the Gospel.

“I’m basically a good person.” (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5)

“People from all religions will make it to heaven.” (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)

“What about all the Christians I know who are hypocrites?” (Romans 14:12)

“I’ll become a Christian someday.” (2 Corinthians 6:2, James 4:14)

9. What did Paul request prayer for regarding his witnessing to others (Colossians 4:3-4)?

APPLYING MARK 5:19

Write the names of some people you would like to witness to about what Christ has done for you.

Personal Notes:
