



Encountering Power over Spiritual Evil

(Luke 8:26-39)

1. What do you think: should Christians be afraid of Satan and demons?
2. Read through the passage (Luke 8:26-39). Luke paints a very vivid picture of the man who had demons. How do you react when you read about this man? Do you find it revolutive or off-putting?

From this picture, what do we learn about what Satan desires to do to people?

3. The demons recognise Jesus as Lord and Judge of all. What do they fear in Jesus?

Read Revelation 20:10 for a picture of Jesus' judging all evil spiritual beings eternally. How is this a comfort for us?

4. Why does the transformed man beg to stay with Jesus? (Luke 8:38)

Discuss this statement: "*Hunger for Jesus a hallmark of all true Christians*" Do you agree/disagree?

Are you hungry to know and love Jesus more?

What are some ways that you could regain lost hunger for Jesus?

5. Jesus commanded the man: "*Return home and tell how much God has done for you.*" (Luke 8:39). How would you summarise what God has done for us in Jesus?

Are you ready to share what God has done for you in Jesus with others in the place God has put you? i.e. your family, workplace, friends, community?

6. According to Luke, how do the people tending the pigs and from the town react to Jesus' deliverance ministry?

Does this surprise you?

What strategy does Jesus take to restore his reputation in this region?

7. Spend time praising Jesus for the unconditional deliverance and protection we have in the gift of salvation.

End the study by reflecting on what this encounter has taught you about who Jesus is, and about how you are to respond to him.