

TRANSFORMING POWER

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If I want to experience God's transforming power, I must... Confront my own BROKENNESS...Submit to his AUTHORITY...Be ready for RESISTANCE...Go and tell the STORY of what God as done.

GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1)As Jon walked us through the story of the demon-possessed man in Mark 5, the first thing that happened in order for him to experience the transforming power of God was that he needed to confront his brokenness.

Share how God has helped you to deal with brokenness in your life. What was the process like for you?

Why do you think that confronting your brokenness is the first step in Christian transformation? Do you think you can truly grow spiritually otherwise?

2)The second step of transformation that Jon highlighted in this story was the need to submit to God's authority. Why do we sometimes have trouble doing this? Are there particular areas of your life that are harder for you to give over to God?

What does it say to you that the demons acknowledge Jesus (v. 7-13)? How might a better spiritual awareness help us to submit to God?

3)All of us submit to a variety of "authorities" in our daily lives. What authorities do you regularly submit to? Why do you submit to them?

Does submitting to God help you to submit to other authorities in your life?

4) In his message, Jon encouraged us to prepare for resistance and he highlighted three types of resistance we may encounter: demonic forces, worldly forces and our own sinfulness. How do you experience these forces in your life? How can you prepare to deal with them (Maybe look at Eph. 6:10-20)?

5) In verses 18-20, we see that once the demon-possessed man is healed, he wanted to leave and follow Jesus. In response, Jesus tells him to stay and share his story with his family and friends. Can you relate to the man's desire to stay with Jesus? Why?

Why is it important for us to move out and share the gospel with others? How is this ultimately a part of our transformation?

6) Pray for each other. Those areas where you still working through your brokenness, those areas where you struggle to submit, for strength to deal with resistance and to have a stronger desire to share God's truth.