Growth Group questions- January 14, 2024

***Relate***

What there something in this story, or about it, that surprised you?

***Reflect***

1. What do you think it says about Jesus and the Gospel that He sails to this Gentile region with his disciples? Where is “across the lake” for you (a person, place, people, relationship, environment, etc.)? Are there places you might not expect or even want God to do his work?

2. The man in this story is living in “the tombs.” This was considered the most defiled and unclean place of all. Discuss some of the parallels between this man’s condition and our condition as being “ ..dead in sin..”See Eph 2:1

3. What was the symbolism in the pigs drowning in the lake? What did the tumultuous waters of Lake Galilee represent in our last story? See Rev. 13:1; 21:1

4. Why do you think the people of the town, after seeing what Jesus has done for this man, tell Him to leave? What is it about Jesus that is so threatening to them? Is Jesus threatening to any area of your life?

***Respond***

How will pondering and personalizing this passage change how you live your life today and moving forward?

 I love how Jesus sends this man home to tell his story. Sometimes Jesus calls us to go to other places to tell His story other times He tells us to stay in our hometown and share the Good News. Where is God asking you to go tell people about Him and what He has done for you?

What does this passage teach you about God?

Has your thinking about God changed?