

THE AWARD GOES TO: Responding to the Resurrection

Life Steps | April 7 & 8, 2018

Monday

Mark 5:1-5

The demoniac was never able to fit in with his town until Jesus healed him and spoke value into his life. Have you ever been the outcast of the crowd, the one who didn't belong? How has your experience with Jesus provided healing and acceptance for who you are?

Tuesday

Mark 5:14-20

The Gerasenes were a town that had established their identity by casting out the demoniac. Take a moment and do an inventory of your close group of friends. Are you all bound by a common love and purpose, or do you all share a common enemy, a person who does not belong with the rest of you? What can we learn about social groups from this story?

Wednesday

John 8:1-9

When Jesus is approached by an angry mob, he refuses to get sucked into the mob mentality. Can you think of a time where you weren't as strong? How much of your personal identity did you have to sacrifice to be a part of the crowd?

Thursday

John 8:10-11

Immediately after Jesus breaks down the crowd, he shows mercy on the women. He tells her that he does not condemn her, and then he tells her to sin no more. Think of a time where Jesus intervened in your life and removed a massive burden of guilt. Talk about the freedom that you felt no longer being held by the power of sin. If you are currently holding onto guilt, read these verses again and imagine Jesus speaking directly to you.

Friday

John 21:4-13

After the resurrection, Jesus didn't waste a moment of his time thinking about vengeance. Instead, he spent time with his friends, showing them love. Are you currently being held back by holding onto a grudge? If you have experienced the freedom of being forgiven, then invite yourself to experience the freedom of forgiving others. Rather than wasting time thinking about vengeance, spend your time today with things that give life.

Saturday

John 14:12

Jesus tells us that if we believe in him that we will do even greater things. As you look at the world in light of the resurrection and the gospel of love, what work still needs to be done? The resurrection is a celebration of life, but it is also a call to continue the work of proclaiming that God is Love!

Sunday

Psalms 145

As you prepare to come for worship, read through this psalm as an act of praise of who God is and what God has already done. Remember that the tomb is just as empty today as it was on Easter. Allow the excitement of the resurrection to be alive in you today. He is risen!