CLEANSING AND CURING

Matthew 8:28-9:8



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Take note of any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Talk about a time in your life where you were really afraid. How did you find comfort in God's presence?
- According to the mosaic law, pigs were unclean animals that made someone ritually impure. What is significant about Jesus sending the unclean spirits into the pigs? Why do the pigs run to their own destruction?
- Why do you think the people of the Gadarenes "begged"
 Jesus to leave their region? How come Matthew omits the status or conclusion about what happened to the demonpossessed men?
- Where has Jesus proved his power over evil in your life?
- What caused the scribes to think that Jesus was speaking blasphemy? Why was this a big deal?
- How do we bring one another to Jesus in our communities?
- Where has Jesus healed you? Was it physically? Where has he forgiven your sin so you could be in community with others?

Memory Verse: **Matthew 9:5-6**

"Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home."