Life Group Notes – Sunday 2nd February The Deliverance of Legion

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Angels and Demons

• Has anyone in the group ever had an encounter with what they understood to be a spiritual force or being or power? Was it for good or evil? How did it affect them?

'Evil Spirits'

• What are the characteristics of Legion that we would understand in terms of the influence of evil upon him? How might we personally encounter those forces today?

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

• What spiritual forces and powers can we see around us in society today? How might we respond to these as Christians?

Jesus' Miracle

• What do we learn about Jesus from this story? Does this add or change something about your view of him?

The Sending of Legion

- Try to imagine what words Legion used to express what 'the Lord' or Jesus had done for him.
- How would you describe 'what the Lord has done for you.'

Pray

- Pray for anyone known to the group who is struggling with physical or mental illness.
- Pray over one or more particular evil that concerns you in our society.

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