

# FOLLOW ME

**Week 3: July 4-10**

**Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)**  
**Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer**

**Vision Casting (2 minutes):** Real life relationships are when you give me permission to know everything about you and I give you permission to know everything about me.

**Hook Question (5 minutes):** Think of a time you experienced something that you could not help telling others about. What was the experience? Why could you not help telling others about it?

**Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):**

When Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, He was extending an invitation to live a real-life relationship with Him. This had to excite His disciples who had anticipated a king who would rule the earth and deliver His people from oppression. As they anticipated the time Jesus would rule, Jesus showed them what kind of King He was and would be. They saw His personality and love for others daily. They learned how He taught with power, authority, and compassion. They witnessed Him heal many from their infirmities and invite the least into relationship with Himself.

Often, the things Jesus did left people fearful and in wonder. Every time a miracle was performed, people could not contain their excitement that Jesus could be and was the Messiah. The same was true for the man in today's story.

After witnessing Jesus calm the sea at His word, the disciples were in awe of who Jesus was. Only God could calm a raging sea. Amazed at Jesus' authority over creation, they arrived in the country of the Gerasenes which is opposite of Galilee. Stepping foot on shore, they were met by a man possessed by demons. This is where our story begins...

**Tell the story from Luke 8:26-39 (12 Minutes):** Change the storyteller often.

**Rebuild Luke 8:26-39:** Retell the story as well as possible.

**Read Luke 8:26-39:** Ask the group to read these verses.

**Discussion Questions:** Learn to talk about God's word with others. **(Take as much time as needed.)**

- What stands out to you in this story?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- What does this story teach you about yourself and others?
- What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about from this story? How do you need to apply this story to your life?

**Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.**