

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Gospel of Mark A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION FIVE

Mark 4:35-5:43

Questions for Session Five

1. What do you suppose Jesus was trying to accomplish in his triumph over all the hostile powers in this section of *The Gospel of Mark*?
2. How can Jesus calm the storms in our lives in the twenty-first century? When we call upon Jesus, do we have the faith that the wind and the waves—*that are tossing us about*—will be calmed? What impact does Jesus have on your personal storms?
3. What were the evil spirits doing to the physical presence of the man, who came out of the tombs? How were they impacting his quality of life? What do you think his family and friends thought, when they saw what Jesus had done in his life?

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4. Why do you suppose the people begged Jesus to leave their region after he allowed the evil spirits to go into the pigs?

5. What motive could Jairus have had for approaching Jesus? Do you suppose Jairus came to Jesus out of faith? Would you have approached Jesus? If so, how would you have approached him?

6. What is the significance of Jesus healing the woman with the hemorrhage? How had she approached the problem of her physical condition prior to coming to Jesus?

7. What is your impression of the power of Jesus Christ? How did that power impact the woman with the hemorrhage? How did Jesus explain her healed condition?

8. Of all Jesus' disciples, who were the insiders? Why do you suppose Jesus involved these three in some of his more interesting experiences? Would you have liked to have been an insider? Why or why not?

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