Retro Discussion Questions (10/22/23)

Week 7 - Mission Panel

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

CONNECT Questions (choose 1-2)

- 1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
- 2. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
- 3. Are you facing a challenge right now?

READ Mark 5:1-205

- 1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
- 2. What stands out, is surprising, or interesting to you?
- 3. Why did the man begin telling people about Jesus in vs.20? What do you think he hoped would happen in the lives of those he shared with?
- 4. What is your motivation for sharing Jesus? In other words, what has he done in your life that you would love for him to do in the lives of others? What do you hope will happen in their lives?
- 5. What do you learn about people in this passage? What do you learn about God?

LIVE IT OUT (Read this!)

As a life group, consider spending a few weeks creating a written statement of how you will live out MISSION together? Is there a specific way your small-church can bless the world around you?

Begin in prayer. Ask Jesus to show you what he is already doing in the world around you. Then pray for wisdom and boldness to join him together. Here are 2 ways to begin figuring this out together:

- 1. Discuss who around you needs to experience life in Jesus' name (neighbors, men, women, single moms, etc.)? What are some ways you can invite them into your lives together? (ex. Grilling out, inviting them to meals or parties or football gatherings, baby shower, bringing them treats, etc.)
- 2. Discuss some areas of brokenness you see in the world around you? (homeless, teen-pregnancy, hunger, etc.) Which of these needs break your heart the most? What are you passionate about? What are some specific ways you can participate with Jesus in bringing restoration (ex. Partnering with a specific ministry, starting a ministry, meeting community needs you are passionate about, etc.)

