

### Going deeper

The Psalms are powerful poems, that use all kinds of imagery to express important emotions. Sometimes they praise God, at other times they plead to God or even complain to God. This Psalm looks back to God's previous salvation and pleads for continuing salvation.

### Read Psalm 40

5. How does the writer describe God's mercy in his life? (1-3)  
To what extent does the imagery reflect your experience of God's mercy?
  
6. What is the Psalmist's response to God's mercy? (4-10)  
Do we respond in a similar way?
  
7. How does the Psalmist ask for continued mercy? (11-17)  
How might this inform our prayers?
  
8. The Psalm begins with a note of patience (vs. 1) and ends with impatience (vs. 17). When do we need to be patient, and when do we need to be impatient?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### Growth Team News

A New Year and a new opportunity to join a Growth Team or an Explore Group. The Explore Groups start Christianity Explored this week, which takes you through all of Mark's gospel, whilst the Growth Teams will be focussing on the passages from Mark's gospel that we are looking at in church.



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## No-one else has this power over evil

Mark 5:1-20 (page 1007)

Space to take notes on the talk

### ❖ The P\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

### ❖ The P\_\_\_\_\_ of Salvation

### ❖ The P\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus's Mercy

### Starter question

- ❖ Where is the scariest place you have ever visited?

### Responding to the talk

1. What was the most surprising idea or new insight that you learnt from the talk on Sunday?
2. Read Mark 5:1-13
  - a. What are we told about the man with an 'unclean spirit'? How would you feel about him if you were one of the locals?
  - b. What details from this passage demonstrate that Jesus has great authority over the evil spirits? (cf. James 2:19)
  - c. How does what happened to the pigs help clarify what Jesus has achieved?
3. Read Mark 5:14-17
  - a. Why are the locals afraid?
  - b. Why do you think they 'plead with Jesus to leave'?
  - c. How would you have responded if you were in their position?
4. Read Mark 5:18-20
  - a. Why do you think the man wants to go with Jesus? (cf. Mark 3:14-15)
  - b. What negatively would have been the problem of this man going with Jesus?
  - c. What was the positive result of this man staying in his home region?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### Applying it to our lives

9. Someone says that it is a waste of time, money and effort seeking to help the homeless. What would be an appropriate Christian response to that in the light of this passage?
10. What would you say if asked what God has done for you, or what mercy he has shown you? (cf. 5:19)