

*From sermon on June 5th & 6th*

## **Love Where You Live Sacred Ground**

**Text:** Mark 4:35; 5:2-8; 18-20; Matthew 14:14

**Purpose:** We can't always choose who our neighbor is and since we believe God is working in people's lives through us, we see ourselves placed by God for a purpose to the people around us.

**Opening Question:** *What makes a good neighbor?*

**Read and Discuss:** Mark 4:35; 5:2-8; 18-20; Matthew 14:14

1. *How are your neighbors different from you? What ways can it be difficult to connect with them?*
2. *What do you think the disciples thought when they entered the Decapolis, and a demonized man came running toward them?*
3. *What kinds of things would you like to see God do for your neighbors?*
4. *How has God wired you to be an influencer?*
  - a. *Storyteller: Sharing the ways God has personally helped you.*
  - b. *Connector: Ability to connect and make new friends right away.*
  - c. *Grace Giver: Able to see what people can become.*
  - d. *Intercessor: Faithfully pray for neighbors over the years.*
  - e. *Caretaker: Practically provide for people's needs.*
5. *Jesus comes back to Decapolis in Matthew 14 and now lots of people know about Him. What would be your hope for your neighbors 5 years from now? 10 years from now? What would you like to see God do for them?*