When Pigs fly - Week 2 - Winning spiritual battles

Getting started

- Is there anything you want in your life that you are saying "when pigs fly" about?
- What might people today think about the devil and demons?
- · Growing up, what did you believe about the devil?
- What kind of films/tv may we have watched that may have influenced our beliefs?
- Have you ever doubted the devil's existence? Why or why not?

Getting stuck in

- We talked about the mistakes we can make of either under emphasizing the influence of evil or over emphasizing it. Have you experienced either of these things?
- Read Ephesians 6:12. How can this scripture be applied to our daily lives?
- We spoke about the three main things that demons can do: tempt you, distract you, inflict some kind of suffering. How might we have experienced any of these things?

Read Mark 5 verses 1 - 14

• How would we have felt if we were one of the disciples with Jesus? Do we struggle with separating the person from the problem? Try and give examples. Do we ever think that someone could be "too far gone" for Jesus to help them?

From chains to changed..... This is Jesus saving the worst of the worst from the worst part of town.

Read Mark 5:18-19.

Let's practice what Jesus told this man to do: thanking God for what he has done for us. Maybe encourage people to simply complete the sentence "God, thank you for....."

Digging deeper

- How should our faith be strengthened by what have learned today?
- · How could it change the way we live our lives?
- Remember the illustration of the two dogs Trouble and Ignorant, with Trouble attacking Ignorant because of the holes he had dug by the fence. Are there any holes in our fences that we can pray for each other for.

Finish by reading:

Ephesians 1:3, 1:19-23 and Romans 8:37-39

Remember everything is under Christ's authority!

