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**We Are:
Mission-focused**

Big Idea: A Mission-focused church is committed to making Jesus known.

Overview: There are many places we can go to see Jesus' commandment for his followers to be on mission. Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20 are the foundational texts that have guided the church towards mission. In Mark chapter five, we see another commissioning moment for a demonized man who experienced an encounter with Jesus. Jesus takes his Jewish disciples to the Decapolis, a Hellenized group of 10 cities where Jewish people would not frequent. Jesus is on mission, bringing his followers with him. Once there, they meet a demonized man who was excommunicated from the community, crying out and self-harming. This would have terrified these young Jewish students travelling with Jesus. After a profound encounter, where Jesus frees this man, he wants to travel back with the disciples to the other side of the lake. Jesus does not permit him, instead sends him back to the community to tell others what he had done for him. When he does, everyone in the Decapolis "marveled." In this text we see Jesus send this man back to his community on mission. In the same way, we are sent on mission to the world.

Life Group Objectives:

Remember why you exist as a group! Life Groups are to:

1. Reflect on this past week's message and passage or dig into the series you are going through as a group. We desire for you to have the Bible play a key role in your time together.
2. Share openly and authentically about your life: what is the good that needs to be celebrated? What is the challenge that needs encouragement and prayer?
3. Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members. How can you build one another up this week?

Conversation starters:

- Could you describe your own personal mission in one sentence? What would it be?
- What is one place or person that you have felt called to share the love and message of Jesus with?

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Read Scripture: Mark 5:1-20

Questions for Discussion:

1. **Missional God vs. 1**
 - Who are the people, "across the lake," from you? (the people you normally wouldn't interact with).
 - What does Jesus bringing his disciples to the other side say about Jesus' mission?
 - Is there someone Jesus is asking you to reach out to, or a place he is asking you to go?
 - How does Jesus' pursuit of you through his life, ministry, and cross, inform our pursuit of others?

2. Missional People vs. 18-20

- Jesus tells this man to “Go back home.” Why do you think he did this?
- What happens to us as a Life Group if we refuse to be missional in our group?
- Fill in the blanks: Before Jesus I was _____ and now after encountering him, I am _____. (Hint, this is the story you are to go and tell people!)

3. Missional Church - *what does this mean for KAC?*

- We engage God’s good world with conviction and compassion.
 - What does conviction mean? What does compassion mean?
- We battle the tendency to be comfortable for our own sake.
 - How can our Life Group seek to be on mission this year?
- We engage people and places that are far from God.
 - How is Jesus asking you to participate in KAC’s missional expressions (Sun Peaks, Ministry Centre, Indigenous Connections, Arthur Hatton, Hopewell and others) this year?

Listening to God:

- How has God been present in our discussion so far? What themes have emerged?
- In our strategic plan, we dream of every Life Group serving one of our missional partners at least twice a year. How can you engage in this as a group?

Prayer Prompts and Application:

Feel free to lead your group through the Alliance Vision Prayer:

O God, with all our hearts, we long for You. Come, transform us to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people, multiplying disciples everywhere.

For more, you can Journey through the Alliance Vision Prayer devotional [here](#).