

Sermon Title: **Thanksgiving Sunday** Speaker: **Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor** 

Scriptures: Mark 5:18-20

**18** As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. **19** Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." **20** So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis[a] how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

## **Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday, we will have an opportunity for New Lifers to share their stories of gratitude and hope during our Thanksgiving service.

## **Sermon Questions:**

- 1. What testimony that you heard during service impacted you the most and why?
- 2. Read the full story of the demon-possessed man Mark 5:1-20 and share what stands out to you about his encounter with Jesus.
- **3.** We can all relate in some way to this man's story. How do you relate with being lonely, emotionally distressed and/or self-harming?
- **4.** Take time to write or share your 90 second testimony using the following prompts:
  - This year I am grateful to God for...
  - God has been at work in my life through....
  - I'm grateful for New Life Fellowship because...
- **5.** Jesus is always moving toward the places that we avoid and ignore. Is there a person or place you have been avoiding or ignoring that Jesus is inviting you to move closer to?