# Sunday 11th May – Connect Group Notes

## Read Mark 5:1-13

1. **Where do we see people today living in fear, feeling powerless, or seeking power—whether in the world around us or in our own lives?**
2. **Do you believe there are real spiritual forces of evil at work in the world?**  
   *How aware are we of this in our everyday lives? Do you think we've been influenced by ‘the devil’s greatest trick’—convincing people he doesn’t exist? Why or why not?*
3. **How do Mark 5 and Ephesians 6:10–13 help us understand the Bible’s view of spiritual powers?**  
   *What do these passages teach us about the nature of spiritual battle and the role of Jesus?*
4. **Where do we see the power of Jesus clearly demonstrated in Mark 5?**  
   *Can you think of other Bible stories or verses that show Jesus' authority over evil?*
5. **How does the cross take us from fear to freedom and power?**  
   *Look at Mark 10:45—how does Jesus giving his life as a ransom help us grasp the meaning of the cross?*
6. **How does this understanding connect the cross to the resurrection, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus’ return?**  
   *What hope does this give us in facing evil or fear today?*
7. **How can we help others who feel fearful or powerless discover the hope and good news of Jesus?**  
   *Are there specific people or situations God might be prompting you to speak into this week?*
8. **Read Ephesians 6:10–13 again.**  
   *What does each part of the armour of God mean in practice? How can the Holy Spirit equip us daily to stand firm in His power?*