

A TRUE NEW BEGINNING

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WORSHIP

Every Praise, Lord I Lift Your Name on High, You Alone Can Rescue, Goodness of God

WELCOME

Looking back at 2022, what situations or realities in your life do you desire to be different this new year of 2023?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's provision for families deeply affected by inflation.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; escalating tension in East Asian countries to stop.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

WORD

READ IT!

MARK 5:14-20

(READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER FOR CONTEXT)

¹⁴ Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ They *came to Jesus and *observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion"; and they became frightened. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the swine. ¹⁷ And they began to implore Him to leave their region. ¹⁸ As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him. ¹⁹ And He did not let him, but He *said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about experiencing a true new beginning?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT!

I. THE NEED FOR A NEW BEGINNING

(Mark 5:1-5, Ephesians 2:1-3, Genesis 2:16-17)

II. THE POWER FOR A NEW BEGINNING

(Mark 5:6-17, Mark 1:21-22; 4:37-41, Luke 8:30-31, John 10:10, 1 John 3:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:16, 22-23)

III. TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE NEW BEGINNING

(Mark 5:18-20, Matthew 28:18-20)

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "A True New Beginning", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

"I will _____

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

As we begin the new year, pray more for those you meet at work, those who live with you, including family members, household help, roommates and friends who need a true new beginning. Take time to share how Jesus is the only One who has the power to forgive our sins, and to give us new life that will last beyond 2023 to eternity.

MEMORY VERSE

MARK 5:19

¹⁹ And He did not let him, but He said to him, 'Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.'