



Connect Group Discussion Guide

Series: *Rejected* “Revealing Our Demons”

Week of May 15, 2022

1. Our rejection story this week is about keeping the “demons” at bay that can cause us to reject Jesus. Read the Mark verses. There are at least three reasons why a person might reject the freeing, cleansing, and renewing presence of Jesus revealed in this story:

- We don’t want our issues revealed
- We don’t want to lose control
- Jesus may ask for too much

Do you agree with these reasons for why a person may reject Jesus? Why or why not?

2. Naming our issues: In order for healing to come, Jesus requires that we own, name our issues. Some of us may have become accustomed to our “demons”, so naming them can be a challenge. What can cause us to become use to our personal “demons”?

3. The fallacy is this: we do not want our issue revealed, but they are not hidden because everyone else around us knows our issues. Is there truth to this statement?

4. Two principles that might help us here:

- Principle of self-examination: 1 Corinthians 11:31
- Principle of confession: James 5:16

If our desire to keep our issues/sins/failings covered is greater than the healing available to us, we reject Jesus. In what way can a person examine their inner self?

5. Jesus transforms our lives; all of our lives! The visible and the invisible, the hidden and the known. How has Jesus transformed you?

NOTE: CGL, listen actively and carefully to what is being said during the times when participants share. Let their responses guide how you tailor your interactions and studies with the group during the session.

Main Idea

If our desire to keep our issues, sins, and failings covered is greater than the healing available to us, we reject Jesus.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

***Read aloud:
Mark 5:1-20
1 Corinthians 11:31
James 5:16***

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.