

IS THERE HOPE FOR AMERICA AND YOU?
Understanding Our Times and Our Callings
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Men from Issachar, who understand the times and know what Israel should do.
I Chronicles 12:32

I. OUR TIMES

II. BIBLICAL TIMES (Mark 5:1-20)

III. YOUR TIME

- A. Power of Civility**
- B. Power of a Compassionate Heart**
- C. Power of the Gospel**
- D. Power of Prayer (www.praytim2.org)**
- E. Power of One**

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in the message this morning from Mark 5?
2. How are you feeling right now about what is going on in our country? Can you foresee the humiliation path and/or the humility path playing out? Is your “Hope” tied to outward things or something or someone else?
3. Did you get a sense of what it was like to be in Decapolis in the first century? Where is your Decapolis?
4. Who is your Legion? Do you find it easy to throw stones at the “Legions” of our world versus having compassion? What mindset is required to have compassion? What holds you back?
5. Have you experienced God’s limitless love or seen His amazing grace in your life (like Legion)?
6. One writer says, “(Men) are fiercely committed to making life work on their own terms but the Father has rigged the world, so it won’t work without Him.” What do you think?
7. Were you surprised Jesus said “NO” to Legion’s request in verse 19? What do you think was the significance?
8. What are you learning about civility and how we speak to others?
9. What does it mean to have a heart for the lost ... particularly those who think differently than you? Where do you struggle most?
10. How powerful is the Gospel? Do you think one person can make a difference? In what ways is God pushing you in the direction of courage?
11. How do you practice 1 Tim. 2:1-4?
12. In these days of polarization, is it possible to live with Hope and Confidence?