GHOST STORIES – The thing behind the thing.

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This week we begin a three-week message series in which we will discuss the Spirit realm and its impact on our lives.

Getting Discussion Started:

- What stood out to you most from the message this week?
- How comfortable or familiar are you with the topic of the Spirit realm? Be honest.
- Have you ever experienced something that could only be described as **super**natural? What happened?

Read **Ephesians 6:10-14**

- Paul says that our primary battle is not against flesh and blood, but against unseen spiritual forces. We do not do battle with weird prayer rituals, garlic, or rosaries … we do battle by clothing ourselves in: truth, righteousness, readiness to share the gospel, faith, salvation, and the word of God. How could these items help protect us in the battle against unseen evil forces?
- In the message we learned that – We are not to be **afraid** … but we are to be **awake**. Have you ever found yourself asleep at the wheel of your faith? What had to change to remind you of the battle you are in?

1 John 4:1 tells us to "***test the spirits*** *to see whether they are from God".*

- Do you believe that your ability to discern the spirit (the thing behind the thing) can be improved? Discuss a few ways that a person might test or discern the source of a thought or action.

Gospel story - **Mark 5:1-20** – discuss any parts that stood out to you from the text.

- Spirits desire to be embodied so that they can influence the natural world. Satan wants to influence people to use their bodies to bring death, destruction, and sin into the world. God wants to fill us with His Spirit so that we may be instruments of righteousness bringing life, love, and hope. Which Spirit will you allow to influence and guide your life?
- Pray together.