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# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

## HEAD

- ✚ After triumphing over Satan at His temptation, Jesus again succeeds in hand-to-hand combat with demonic forces, may we also conquer them in our mission to reconcile the world to God in Jesus' name.
- ✚ Jesus is not ashamed to touch our pain, infirmities, and brokenness, let us not be ashamed to touch those places in the lives of our neighbors.
- ✚ Jesus, the Great Apostle, the Sent One of the Father, was committed to live His life on mission, and so must we.

– Luke 4:31-44 –



## HEART

- ✚ Why do you think Jesus silenced the demons when they correctly identified Him as the Holy One of God, and what does the 'Messianic Secret' teach us about God's timing and purposes?
- ✚ The demons recognized and obeyed Jesus immediately while humans often hesitate. What does this reveal about spiritual warfare and our own obedience to Christ?

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## HEART

- ✚ Jesus made it His custom to be in the synagogue on the Sabbath despite His divine authority. How does this challenge the modern tendency to separate loving Jesus from participating in church community?
- ✚ What is the significance of Jesus touching each sick person individually rather than healing the entire crowd with one word, and how should this shape our ministry to broken people?

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## HEART

- ✚ The sermon suggests that the church is temporary while the kingdom of God is eternal. How does this perspective change the way we view our participation in church versus our citizenship in God's kingdom?
- ✚ Jesus withdrew to a solitary place for prayer after intense ministry. What does this teach us about the rhythm of engagement and withdrawal in our own spiritual lives?

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## HEART

- ✚ In what ways are demons proclaiming Christ more loudly and boldly, and obeying Him more quickly and completely than we do, and what practical steps can we take to reverse this reality?
- ✚ Jesus stated that He was sent to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to other towns as well. How does this apostolic purpose challenge us to avoid spiritual territorialism and embrace a broader mission?

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## HANDS

- ✚ Choose ONE of the following action steps:
  - ✚ Option 1: Solitude & Prayer Following Jesus' example (Luke 4:42; Mark 1:35), schedule time this week to get away to a "solitary place" to pray and recharge. Share with the group when you'll do this and ask for accountability.
  - ✚ Option 2: Bold Proclamation Identify one person in your life who needs to hear about Jesus. Pray for them daily and look for an opportunity to boldly (yet lovingly) share the good news with them this week.

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- ✚ Choose ONE of the following action steps:
- ✚ Option 3: Touch Someone's Brokenness Think of someone you know who is struggling (physically, emotionally, spiritually). Reach out to them this week—visit them, call them, sit with them in their pain. Don't try to “fix” them, just be present like Jesus was.
- ✚ Option 4: Examine Your Obedience Identify one area where you know God has been calling you to obey but you've been delaying. Take one concrete step of obedience this week.

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# FIVE DAY DEVOTIONAL

# Day 1: The Authority of His Word

## Reading: Luke 4:31-32; Mark 1:21-22


 **Devotional:** The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching because His message carried authority—exousia. Unlike the scribes who quoted rabbinic tradition, Jesus spoke as the very Source of truth itself. He didn't need to cite other authorities because He IS the authority. Today, consider how you receive God's Word. Do you approach Scripture as divine authority that has the jurisdiction and power to transform your life? Jesus doesn't merely offer suggestions; He speaks with the legal right to command our obedience. His Word removes every barrier and obstacle in its path. When you read the Bible today, remember you're encountering the authoritative voice of God Himself, speaking directly into your circumstances with power to change everything.

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## Day 2: Power Over Darkness

Reading: Luke 4:33-37; James 2:19


 **Devotional:** Demons recognized Jesus before people did. They trembled at His presence, acknowledging Him as "the Holy One of God." This reveals a sobering truth: intellectual knowledge about Jesus isn't enough. The demons knew exactly who Jesus was, yet remained His enemies. True faith requires more than recognition—it demands surrender and obedience. As you reflect today, ask yourself: Do I merely acknowledge Jesus, or do I joyfully obey Him? The demons obeyed immediately when commanded, compelled by fear and authority. How much more should we, who are loved by God, respond with quick and glad obedience? Don't let demons proclaim Christ more boldly than you do. Let your life be a louder testimony than their fearful confession.

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## Day 3: The Compassionate Touch

Reading: Luke 4:38-40; Matthew 8:14-17


 **Devotional:** After an exhausting day of ministry, Jesus could have spoken one word to heal the multitudes gathered at Peter's door. Instead, He laid hands on each person individually. This intimate act reveals God's unparalleled compassion—He is not ashamed to touch our brokenness, pain, and infirmities. Jesus didn't maintain distance from suffering; He entered into it personally. When you feel overwhelmed by your struggles, remember that Jesus doesn't offer distant, impersonal help. He comes close, touches your pain, and brings His healing presence into your deepest wounds. Today, receive His compassionate touch in your areas of brokenness, and extend that same tender care to someone else who is hurting. God's healing often flows through our willing hands.

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## Day 4: Solitude and Recharging

Reading: Luke 4:42; Mark 1:35-37

 **Devotional:** Even Jesus, in the midst of successful ministry with crowds seeking Him, withdrew to a solitary place to pray. If the Son of God needed to disconnect from the demands of ministry to reconnect with the Father and recharge, how much more do we? The rhythm of engagement and withdrawal is essential for sustainable kingdom work. Ministry flows from intimacy with God, not from our own strength. The crowds wanted to keep Jesus for themselves, but He knew His mission required moving beyond their comfort. Today, evaluate your spiritual rhythms. Are you so busy serving that you've neglected the solitary place of prayer? Create space to meet with God away from distractions. Your effectiveness in mission depends on your communion with the Father.

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## Day 5: Living on Mission

Reading: Luke 4:43-44; John 20:21

✚ **Devotional:** Jesus declared, "I was sent for this purpose"—to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom to all towns, not just one. His life was defined by apostolic mission, constantly moving to reach those who hadn't yet heard. The kingdom of God is eternal; the church is the temporary vessel through which people enter that kingdom. As followers of Jesus, we are also sent ones, commissioned to live missionally wherever we are. The enemy will try to distract and deter us—broken windows, opposition, obstacles—but nothing can stop the advance of God's kingdom when His people move forward in His authority and power. Today, ask God to clarify your mission field. Who has He positioned you to reach? Step out in faith, knowing you carry both His *exousia* (authority) and *dunamis* (power) to accomplish His will.

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# Closing Prayer

**Closing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that You would fill us with courage and boldness to proclaim Christ faithfully in our daily lives.

Strengthen and protect those among us who are facing spiritual opposition, and grant them steadfast faith and victory through Your Spirit.

Give us hearts of compassion so that we may enter into the brokenness of others with the love and grace of Jesus.

Make our church a truly missional community, faithfully participating in Your work of reconciling the lost to Yourself. We also lift before You those specific people in our lives who need to encounter the authority and power of Jesus.

Open their hearts, reveal Your truth, bring healing and deliverance where needed, and draw them into a saving relationship with You. May Your kingdom come and Your will be done through us and around us, for the glory of Your name.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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