



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // LUKE 4:31-44

1. Think through this past week. How did you see God at Work in you and/or around you?
2. Today's passage emphasizes the authority of Jesus. Our culture struggles with authority issues. What's your take on authority? What about the authority of Jesus?
3. Luke 4:31 opens with a summary statement about the teaching ministry of Jesus. Unlike other rabbis who just quoted each other, Jesus' teaching possessed "authority." What do you do when Jesus' words contradict your point of view? What does the process usually look like for you?
4. Jesus' teaching immediately solicits the response of a demon possessed man. When it comes to the devil and demonic realm, what questions/doubts/struggles do you have? Discuss.
5. There are usually two mistakes people make with the demonic. Some blow it up out of proportion. Others dismiss it as if it doesn't exist. Neither approach is biblical. How should we think about the demonic realm if we want to be biblically accurate and why?
6. Jesus' power over the demonic amazed all who saw (v 36). Jesus has authority over demons. What does this mean for us today? How does the demonic realm manifest itself today and how does the authority of Jesus break the power of their influence?
7. In vv 38-39 Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law from her high fever. In response, she serves them. What does this healing and subsequent response teach us about the authority of Jesus over illness? Share a time when you believe Jesus healed someone from serious sickness. Why doesn't Jesus always heal illnesses? How should we process those times when he chooses not to heal?
8. Why do you think Jesus rebuked the demons from talking about him being the Messiah?
9. Read Col 2:9-10. Believers, like Jesus, are filled with the Holy Spirit. We, like Jesus, have power over the demonic. How should we understand and use that power? How should we not? Why?
10. Notice Jesus' resolve in Luke 4:43. What is *your* purpose? Are you resolved or apathetic? Why?
11. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take so that you effectively apply the Word of God to your life? How can we help? How can we pray for you?