

The Gospel in Action (3)

Authority

Mark 1:21-45

Intro: Because I Said So (Positional Authority)

I. Authority over Demons (v. 21-28)

II. Authority over Sickness (v. 29-34)

III. Authority over the Unclean (v. 35-45)

Conclusion: Because I AM (Ultimate Authority)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Has God ever "delivered" you from the Enemy's influence in a specific area of your life? What was that like? How did it feel to be FREE and WHOLE in that area?
2. The healing of Peter's mother-in-law (of a fever) was certainly less dramatic than the casting out of a demon... yet it was equally effective. What are some non-dramatic ways God has brought health and healing into your life?
3. Leprosy represented "separation from God/the faith community". Yet Jesus has the authority to make the unclean CLEAN and restore the individual into a right relationship with God. In fact, He often uses our painful experiences to draw us to Himself. What experiences in your life did God use to lead you to faith in Jesus?
4. All of the people who were healed by Jesus in Mark 1 were regular, ordinary people. Jesus cares for ALL people. How does that encourage you in your own faith journey?