



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**“Kingdoms in Conflict” – Matthew 12:22-37**  
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**Main thought:**

Jesus reveals that there are only two kingdoms, God’s and Satan’s. Our response to Him, along with the words we speak, reveal not only where we belong, but where our hearts are still trying to build our own kingdom instead of His.

**Ice-Breaker**

- What is something you’re great at cooking?
- What is something that someone else is great at cooking that you really enjoy?

**Questions**

1. What stood out to you from Matthew 12:22-37?
2. What are the two reactions to Jesus’ miracle we see in this passage? Why do you think people can see the same thing and respond so differently?
3. The religious leaders were the ones most skeptical and dismissive of Jesus words and works. What can we do to guard our hearts so we stay curious and growing rather than skeptical and dismissive?
4. Jesus gives three different defensive arguments in verses 25-29. What stands out to you in terms of what these explanations reveal about Satan, us, and others?
5. Read verses 31-32. What questions and insights can we glean from these verses?
6. How would you explain blasphemy against the Holy Spirit to someone?
7. Why is rejecting or mislabeling the Spirit’s work in revealing Jesus such a serious issue?
8. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes and warns about the words that come from your mouth?
9. Where is God showing you that your words reveal you’ve been building your own kingdom instead of His?

**Prayer:** Take some time to pray for each other.