

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 15, 2024

Passage: Luke 4:31–44

Memory Passage: Luke 4:36–37

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 4:31–44.** What repetition do you see in these verses, and how does this help you understand the passage?
- (b) What do you learn from the three summary statements in our passage (vs. 31–32; 37; 44)?
- (c) To what do the people refer when they speak of the “authority” of Jesus’s teaching (vs. 32, 36)?
- (d) How does Jesus’s “rebuking” (vs. 35, 39, 41) demonstrate His authority and power?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 4:31–44.** What does the demon know about Jesus (v. 34)? How does their knowledge compare with what those in Nazareth (vs. 22ff) and Capernaum (our current text) knew about Jesus?
- (b) Explain the demon’s move from the plural “us” and “we” and the singular “I” in v. 34.
- (c) “Holy One of God” is only found here, the parallel passage in Mark 1:24, and John 6:69. Why do you think the demon called Jesus this title?
- (d) How does this exorcism tie to what you learned in Jesus’s temptation (4:1–13) and sermon in Nazareth (4:16–21)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 4:31–44.** Explain Simon’s mother-in-law’s healing and compare it to vs. 33–35. How are these two miracles the same? How are they different?
- (b) Why does Luke tell us she immediately “stood up and began waiting on them,” and why does this matter?
- (c) Jesus silenced the demons from proclaiming Him to be “the Son of God” because they “knew Him to be the Christ.” Why does Jesus want this public recognition to cease?
- (d) Why do the people want Jesus to stay with them (v. 42)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 4:31–44.** Jesus confirms his purpose: to “proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.” Today, you will examine Luke’s use of “kingdom” and write a paragraph explaining what you learned. Admittedly, these verses have some overlapping thoughts, so you don’t need to explain or convey the meaning of every passage, but note what you learn about the kingdom and synthesize it into a paragraph. Use a concordance or an online tool to search for all the verses in which “kingdom” occurs in Luke (or see 1:33; 4:5, 43; 6:20; 7:28; 8:1, 10; 9:2, 11, 27, 60, 62; 10:9, 11; 11:2, 17, 18, 20; 12:31, 32; 13:18, 20, 28, 29; 14:15; 16:16; 17:20, 21; 18:16, 17, 24, 25, 29; 19:11, 12, 15; 21:10, 31; 22:16, 18, 29, 30; 23:42, 51).

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 4:31–44.** What did these verses teach you about Jesus’s character, purpose, and work?
- (b) How does Jesus’s work in these verses compare to the Scripture He said was fulfilled in the Nazareth synagogue?
- (c) In what ways does Jesus’s authority over evil bring you comfort? In what ways does it encourage you in your mission?
- (d) In what ways is the kingdom of God “good news” for you? How does this affect your activities each day? How does it affect your desire to crucify sin?
- (e) Write down three other ways these verses have encouraged you to worship Christ and serve Him today.

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