



**“Jesus’ Power and Authority: Lord over Diseases and Demons”  
Growth Group Discussion Questions for Luke 4:38-44  
Week of March 3-6, 2019**

1. Scripture memory: Review, meditate on, and be ready to recite Psalm 63:1-8.
2. Read through Luke 4, with a special focus on Luke 4:38-44 (this week’s text).
  - a) What types of ministry was Jesus involved in throughout this chapter?
  - b) What do you think was Jesus’ priority of ministry in Luke 4 (v.1, 14-15, 16-21, 31-32, 43-44)?
3. Luke 4:31-37 is an account of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in Capernaum.
  - a) Why were the Jews astonished at Jesus’ teaching in v.32 (and Mark 1:22)? What do you think they understood by the answer given in these verses?
  - b) Have you ever been astonished (amazed) by the preaching of the Word? How? Give examples.
  - c) From the Jews’ comments in v. 36, how had Jesus confirmed His Word to them?
  - d) What does this show us about the purpose of Jesus’ mighty works, and the powerful Gospel ministry that the early church experienced? (Mark 16:20; Acts 2:22, 4:29-31; 14:3)
4. Summarize and explain what was happening in Jesus’ ministry in the following passages:
  - a) Luke 4:14-21 (see Isa 61:1-3)
  - b) Acts 10:36-38
  - c) Mark 3:22-27; Luke 11:20-22

*Oftentimes, a more full understanding and clarity come when we simply review the context, cross references, and parallel accounts that are given in the Bible. In the next few questions, study the three sections of Luke 4:38-44 by comparing them with the corresponding accounts in Matthew and Mark.*

5. Compare Luke 4:38-39 with Matt 8:14-15 and Mark 1:29-31 (*Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law*)
  - a) What differs in the three accounts? Do they contradict each other? What does this tell us about *HOW* the Bible was written, and *WHY* it is important to study it thoroughly?
  
  - b) Why do you think the Holy Spirit repeated the detail about Simon Peter's mother-in-law rising up and serving Him (them) in all three accounts? What lessons can we learn from this?
  
6. Compare Luke 4:40-41 with Matt 8:16-17 & Mark 1:32-34 (*Jesus heals the sick & oppressed*)
  - a) In Matt 8:17, a connection is made between Jesus' healing ministry and Isaiah's words: "*He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.*" (see Isaiah 53:4-6 for the context of this verse). What kind of healing was Isaiah describing? How does this influence our application of v.17?
  
  - b) Some assume that v.17 means Jesus has promised to heal us from every infirmity here on earth. Two balancing reasons are given in the Word as to why this assumption might be too broad: unbelief (Mt 13:53-58) and the sovereign purpose of God (Luke 4:23-30). How do Jesus' words in John 5:19-20 help us to understand the second reason? Who ultimately determines healing?
  
7. Compare Luke 4:42-44 with Matt 8:18 and Mark 1:35-39 (*Jesus withdraws & preaches elsewhere*)  
What insights about Jesus' ministry priorities do you gain from comparing the three passages?  
How should that help us in setting our ministry priorities?
  
8. How were you specifically challenged by the message on this passage on Sunday, March 3rd? What points of application did you take away from the message?

**PRAY IN THE GROUP:** There are many in our own CCC church community who are suffering from injuries, sicknesses, life-altering diseases, disabilities, and even sinful bondages or oppressions. Pray for those in our midst that are in need of God's healing touch or His deliverance from various oppressions, and that He would sustain all of us according to His sovereign good will and purpose.