

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 3, 2008

Passage: Luke 4:14-44

Memory Passage: Luke 4:32

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) Read Luke 4:14-21. What did Jesus do following the temptation in the wilderness? How did the people respond to his ministry? What does this tell us about who they thought he was (Isaiah 42:8; 48:11)?
- (b) What was Jesus' regular custom (Luke 4:16)? Did he need to go to the synagogue for his own spiritual growth? How should this affect us as followers of Jesus (Hebrews 10:24-25)?
- (c) What was a typical way the synagogue services were handled (Acts 13:15)? What is the significance of the passage that Jesus reads? What surprising words does he give related to the passage? Compare these to John 4:25-26.
- (d) What are some of the things that were prophecies about the Messiah in Isaiah 61:1-2?
- (e) What does Jesus leave off when reading from these two verses? Why (Hebrews 9:27-28)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 4:14-21 and John 4:25-26. Talk together about some of the things that the Messiah would do. How did Jesus fulfill these? Why do you think he said these things were fulfilled in their hearing? What was the main focus of the coming of the Messiah? What will be the focus of his Second Coming? Pray for someone who does not know the Lord.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 4:22-30.** What was the response of the people of Nazareth to Jesus' words? Look at what was said about Jesus in the following verses: Matthew 13:55-56; Mark 6:3; and John 6:42.
- (b) What did Jesus tell them (also see John 4:48; John 2:18)? What is the role of signs and wonders (Acts 2:22)?
- (c) What is the danger of depending on those signs (1 Corinthians 1:22; Luke 16:31; Matthew 16:1; Numbers 14:11)?
- (d) What OT examples did he give to show God's sovereignty in miracles? How would you apply this to miracles today?
- (e) How did they respond? Why do you think this angered them so much (remember this happened in their synagogue)? What happens when we teach the truth (John 7:7; John 15:23-25)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 4:22-30. Talk about the ministry of the Messiah. Look at some of the terms that are used in Isaiah 61:1-2. How did Jesus fulfill these? How does he continue to fulfill these today? Which of these is most important for you? Which will only come at the end of time? Pray that your eyes might be open to see the wonderful works of God today.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 4:30-37.** Look again at verse 30. How did Jesus get free from this situation? Was this a miracle or just the fear of the people (John 8:59; John 10:39; John 7:30; John 8:20)?
- (b) What did Jesus do after this rejection (also Acts 14:19-21)? What should we do when the gospel is rejected?
- (c) *Where* was the demonic man when he encountered Jesus? What is strange about this?
- (d) What two titles does this demon use in addressing Jesus? What does this tell us about who the demons thought Jesus was and what did they think he had come to do (Luke 4:41; Genesis 3:15; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 4:30-37. Talk about miracles. What is their purpose? How did they show who the Messiah was? What kinds of miracles did Jesus do? Did he heal everyone? What does this tell us about God's sovereignty in healing today? Spend some time praising God together for the many miracles He did through Jesus.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 4:38-41.** What additional healing took place through Jesus at Peter's home? How does such a healing compare with the others mentioned in this chapter?
- (b) What does this healing tell us about the healing ministry of Jesus (Mark 14:14; Matthew 15:32-39; Luke 7:13)? What are some other reasons for the miracles?
- (c) Look again at Luke 4:38. Did Jesus just simply see her and heal her? What do the disciples ask? What might be one reason that we seldom see the healing power of the Lord today (James 4:2-3; John 16:24; Matthew 7:7-8)? Does this mean that every time we ask for healing we will receive it?
- (d) What did she do after being healed? What is the reason that God restores us, either physically or spiritually (Ephesians 2:10; Romans 12:1-2)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 4:38-41. Talk about miracles and healing. Is it wrong to ask and pray for healing? What should our faith be based upon? What should be our expectation? Who can you pray for today that needs God's healing touch?

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

- (a) **Read Luke 4:42-44.** What did Jesus do after this long day of ministry? What did he do on other occasions (Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; John 4:6)?
- (b) Does this teach us anything about the importance of getting alone with God (Psalm 63:1; Psalm 5:3; Psalm 119:147)? What is your plan for regular spiritual renewal?
- (c) What did Jesus say was *his priority*—preaching or healing? What was the purpose for which he was sent?
- (d) What is the priority of Jesus throughout this chapter (Luke 4:15; 4:16; 4:31-32)?
- (e) What was Paul’s priority in 1 Corinthians 2:2 and 1 Corinthians 1:22-24? Did he always expect a positive response? Did that keep him from sharing the gospel?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 4:42-44 and Psalm 119:147. Why are daily devotions so important? Did Jesus spend time with the Father in prayer? What are some things you can do to grow spiritually and be better prepared for spiritual ministry? Pray that God might use you today for the sake of His Kingdom.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 4:14-44. How would you characterize the ministry of the Messiah? What kinds of things did he come to do? How were these evidences of his being the Messiah? What were some of the reasons that Jesus did miracles? Was Jesus’ priority in ministry? Pray that God’s Word might be your priority as you meet tomorrow.

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The Authority of the Messiah

“And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.”