

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 17, 2008

Passage: Luke 11:14-36

Memory Passage: Luke 11:20

**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 11:14-19.** What was the response of the multitudes to the miracle? What was the increasing impact of these miracles (Matthew 12:22-23)? Why was this a concern for the leaders?
- (b) What two responses did some of the Jews make when they saw Jesus cast out the demon (Luke 11:15-16)? Why didn't Jesus give them another sign (Matthew 12:38-39)? What signs had already been given (Luke 7:19-23)?
- (c) Who did some of them accuse him of being? What two logical arguments did he use to answer them (Luke 11:18, 19)?
- (d) Who else had also cast out demons (also see Luke 9:49)? How did Jesus ultimately defeat Satan (Hebrews 2:14-18)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 11:14-19 and Hebrews 2:14. Talk about the power of Satan and the power of God. How is the overthrow of Satan one aspect of the coming of the Messiah? What is the greatest evidence of the coming of His kingdom? Spend some time praising God for His victory over Satan through what Jesus has done.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 11:20.** Mark every reference you find to Satan in these verses. What lessons can we learn about him from what Jesus says here? How can *we* defeat Satan (Revelation 12:11)?
- (b) What did Jesus say has happened every time that Satan is defeated? What had Jesus said about the short ministry of the 70 he sent out in Luke 10:17-18?
- (c) Read Acts 28:17-18. What does the gospel do for people and why is this essential in conversion (2 Corinthians 4:4)?
- (d) What two things does every believer who comes to faith receive (Acts 26:18; Acts 2:38; Acts 13:38-39; Ephesians 1:7 and Acts 20:32; 1 Peter 1:4)? What is this inheritance?
- (e) Read Acts 26:18 again. How are these “sanctified” (also Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:19)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 11:20 and Acts 26:18. What is the greatest means of defeating Satan and rescuing people from his kingdom? Pray together for some friends whose eyes are blinded by Satan. Pray for their salvation.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 11:21-28.** What example does Jesus use to describe the importance of defeating Satan? Who is the “stronger man” that Jesus is referring to (Genesis 3:15; Colossians 2:15; 1 John 4:4)?
- (b) What basic principle in ministry did Jesus remind his disciples of in Luke 11:23 (also Luke 9:49-50)? Why is this essential? How does a lack of unity and love among believers affect spiritual ministry (Ephesians 4:25-27)?
- (c) What second example does Jesus use in Luke 11:23-26? What is he warning them about? Is it merely enough to deal with evil? What may happen if a person does not grow in Christ?
- (d) What can we do to protect ourselves from this (Luke 11:27-28; John 8:31-32)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 11:21-28 and John 8:31-32. Discuss the two examples Jesus gives about defeating Satan. In the second one, how can we protect ourselves after coming to faith in Christ? What is the role of God's Word in spiritual warfare? Pray that God's Word would become the foundation for your spiritual strength.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 11:29-32.** What did Jesus call his generation? What did the Jews seek? What was the only other sign that Jesus said they would receive? What did this refer to?
- (b) How do the Gentiles seek (1 Corinthians 1:18-24)? How does this differ from the approach of the Jews?
- (c) How does Paul say people will respond to the message of the cross? Why is Christ crucified a “stumbling block” to the Jews? Why is it foolishness to the Gentiles?
- (d) How did Jesus compare the response of his generation to that of Solomon and Jonah's time? What is the biggest difference? What about our generation in comparison to that of Jesus?

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 11:29-32 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. How would you compare the people of his time with ours? What were the Jews asking for? What had they just seen (Luke 11:14)? Why won't people believe (2 Corinthians 4:4)? Can you see how sharing the gospel involves a spiritual warfare? Pray for boldness to share the gospel this week.

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Luke 11:33-36.** To what three (3) things has Jesus compared the “light” (Matthew 5:13-15; Luke 8:16-21; John 3:19; John 8:12)?

(b) In light of verse 34, which of these 3 seem most likely? Also see Psalm 119:18; 119:105; Psalm 43:3; Proverbs 6:23; 2 Peter 1:19.

(c) What is the picture of the eye being “single” and “good?” How do we get a single focus for our lives? How does this help us in spiritual battles (2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Hebrews 4:12)?

(d) What do 2 Peter 3:18, 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:15-17 admonish us to do?

(e) Read Luke 11:33-36 and Psalm 119:105. How does God's Word help us to keep our hearts right and our direction in life focused on what pleases God? Can we be “battle ready” apart from being in the Word on a regular basis? Read Psalm 119:97-105 and praise God for all His Word does for you!

**DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Read Luke 11:14-36. Where does the ultimate defeat of Satan come from? How does this affect our warfare with Satan? What happens when we give the enemy the opportunity to have control in our lives? How does God's Word provide protection for us spiritually? Pray for tomorrow's services that God's Word might change many hearts and lives.

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***The Disciple's Battle***

*“Truly the kingdom of God has come among you...”*