

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Scripture: Luke 4:31-44



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus exercised authority through his preaching and healing, validating and demonstrating the truth about his identity as the Son of God.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Why were the people astonished by Jesus' teaching? How was his teaching different from the religious leaders of the day? Do you treat the Bible as God's holy and authoritative word?
- How did the demonically possessed man respond to Jesus' teaching? Who is the "us" he refers to (verse 34)?
- Discuss the difference between claiming and believing that Jesus is "the Holy One of God" (verse 34; James 2:19).
- Does demonic possession and oppression still exist today? What is the primary way Satan and his forces combat today, and how do we effectively defend against and defeat spiritual attacks (Ephesians 6:10-20)?
- In this account, what is Luke revealing about the nature and extent of Jesus' authority?
- Have you experienced the liberating power of Jesus Christ in your life? What's the proper response to his saving grace?
- Discuss the difference between pursuing God and pursuing miracles.
- Where in the text do we get a sense of Jesus' compassion for people?
- Why did Jesus command the demons he exorcised to be silent (1 John 3)?
- Why was it necessary for Jesus to leave Capernaum? What was the purpose and scope of his mission?