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# What Scares Demons?

Luke 4:31-37

## **WELCOME:**

Fixing
Our Focus

### Suggested Icebreaker: Ask each GG member to share some things that they are afraid of or cause them anxiety.

## **WORSHIP:**

Adoring
Our God

### Suggested songs:

- In Christ Alone/The
- Solid Rock
- He Will Hold Me Fast

### **WORD & WALK:**

## Understanding & Applying the Word

### **LESSON AIM**

- GG members will ask God to grant them understanding and insight into His Word.
- 2. GG members will surrender their fears to the almighty God.
- GG members will share Jesus Christ with others.

### INTRODUCTION

After Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth, he came to Capernaum, where he was gladly received. The people were astonished and amazed at the authority of his teaching and his authority over evil spirits. Because of this, word spread about Jesus in the surrounding region.

### Jesus preached in Capernaum (vv. 31-32)

Jesus left Nazareth and went to Capernaum, and began to teach there. As with the people in Nazareth, the people in Capernaum were astonished at his teaching. (The Greek word ekpléssō, translated as astonished, means to have one knocked out of their senses.) But unlike the people in Nazareth, they didn't reject him.

- 1. When did Jesus teach in the synagogue? What does this tell us about Jesus? (cf. Luke 4:16)
- 2. What was the reaction of the people to his teaching? What does this tell us about Jesus is different from the other Jewish teachers of the law? (cf. Matthew 7:28-29; Mark 1:22)

### **Application**

Jesus is the living Word of God, and that is why his teaching has authority. What do you do when you study the Word of God? How can Jesus be part of this?

# WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

### Jesus cast out a demon (vv. 33-35)

In the synagogue, he met a man possessed by an evil spirit. The demon was terrified of Jesus and cried out in a loud voice. Jesus commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man, and the evil spirit did so.

- 1. What did the demon say to Jesus? What does this tell us about Jesus in relation to demons? (cf. James 2:19; 1 John 3:8)
- 2. What did the demon identify Jesus Christ as? What relevance does this have on humanity? (cf. John 6:68-69)
- 3. What happened after Jesus sternly rebuked the demon? What can we learn about Jesus from this?

### **Application**

There are many things that you may be fearful of. But those fears are nothing when compared to the almighty God. What are some fears that you need to lift up to God?

### The amazed crowd spread reports about Jesus (vv. 37-38)

The people who were initially astonished at Jesus' words were now amazed by his works. (The Greek word thámbos, translated as amazed, has the sense of both astonishment and fear.) Not only does he teach with authority, but he also has authority over evil spirits! Because of this, they spread the word about Jesus in the surrounding region.

- 1. What was the people's reaction to Christ's miracle?
- 2. How did they describe Jesus?
- 3. What did they do as a result of the reaction?

### **Application**

People who have personally experienced Jesus Christ cannot help but let other people know about him. How can you tell others about Jesus Christ?

# WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

### PRAYER ITEM

Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge that you are the living word of God, and you have authority over all things. I ask that you enlighten me so that I may understand and hear from God when I study the Bible. I lift up to you my fears and uncertainties that cause me to be worried and anxious. Teach me to lean on your strong, everlasting arms instead. All this I pray, in your powerful name. Amen.



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