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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested Icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share stories of how they experienced the authority of Jesus Christ (whether over sickness, a certain situation, etc.).

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested song:
[All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will acknowledge Jesus Christ's authority over illness and disease.
2. GG members will not fear Satan and his demons.
3. GG members will proclaim the good news where they are placed.

INTRODUCTION

Even though Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth, the people of Capernaum gladly accepted him. Thus, he was able to heal the sick and cast out demons. When the people tried to restrain him from leaving, Jesus taught them the primary purpose for which he came.

Jesus healed the sick (vv. 38-40)

When Jesus came to Simon's house and learned that his mother-in-law was sick, he healed her of the illness. Then, beginning sunset, many people came to him to be healed.

1. Why do you think Simon's relatives appealed to Jesus regarding his mother-in-law?
2. How would you describe the people of Capernaum, who came to Jesus for healing?
3. What does this passage tell us about Jesus Christ in relation to sickness and disease?

Application

In our passage, Jesus healed all those who came to him. Today, many people continue to pray to God for the healing of sickness and disease, but not all prayers are answered with healing. What should be our attitude when it comes to this?

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Jesus cast out demons (v. 40)

Jesus also cast out demons from those who were possessed, just as he did in the synagogue (vv. 31-37). Though the demons acknowledged him as the Son of God, he kept them from proclaiming it.

1. What did the demons proclaim about Jesus Christ?
2. Were they proclaiming the truth? (cf. Luke 1:32-33)
3. What can we learn about Jesus from the fact that he was able to rebuke and restrain the demons?
4. What does this tell us about demons and other spiritual beings?
(cf. Ephesians 6:12)

Application

Satan and his minions are real, and they are hostile against God and his people. What kind of attitude should we have regarding them?

Jesus preached throughout Judea (vv. 42-44)

While the Nazarenes rejected Jesus, the people in Capernaum sought to keep him for themselves only. Jesus told them that his primary purpose was to preach the good news of God's kingdom, not to heal the sick. His purpose was also to minister to all people, not just a select few.

1. What did the people want from Jesus? Compare and contrast them with the people in Nazareth.
2. What did Jesus say he must do? How should this reflect on the followers of Jesus Christ? (cf. Matthew 28:18-20)
3. What is the relationship between Christ's preaching and healing ministry?
(cf. Matthew 11:2-6)

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Application

Jesus wanted to preach the good news to people all over. Before he ascended into heaven, he commissioned the disciples to do just that. How are you fulfilling Christ's commission where he has placed you right now?

PRAYER ITEM

Father, I praise you for you are almighty. You have authority over sickness and disease. No matter what ailment I may experience, I know that you are able to heal. You also have authority over Satan and his demons. There is no reason for me to fear them for you are with me and you protect me. May my faith in you be seen in my life and also in my words as I share who you are with the people around me. Touch the hearts of those with whom I share your words, that they may come to saving faith in your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen. ■



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