

# Small Group questions

## Luke 4: 31-44

1) Consider for a moment the authority of scripture and the authority of Jesus. How does John 1:1-5 and Luke 24:44 establish the authority of Jesus and His words? Does this same authority apply to the whole Bible? Why or why not? See also 2Tim. 3:16

2) What part of the Bible do you find hard to accept as the authoritative word of God?

3) Why do you think Jesus commands the demon to be silent about Jesus' identity in v.35?

4) How can a demon know exactly who Jesus is, yet still be destined for eternal destruction? See James 2:19. What part of your life do you struggle to give up to Jesus' authority and rule?

5) Why did Jesus heal some and not others? (see John 4:46-53; 5:2-5) Is there a verse of scripture that has helped you in your struggle with illness? With God's Providence is allowing you to remain unhealed?

6) According to our text what is the most important criteria we should use in choosing a good church?

7) As we consider our responsibility to preach the good news of the kingdom, what should we be prepared to face? How do we apply the authority of Jesus' word today as we face demonic opposition, sickness, and spiritual ignorance?

8) In Isaiah 66:2, God declares,

*"All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word."*

According to this verse, what are the critical criteria for submitting to the authority of God's Word?