



Resources

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Luke 4:38-44

[38] And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. [39] And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

[40] Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. [41] And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

[42] And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, [43] but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." [44] And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea. (ESV)

Sermon Outline:

- I. Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-In-Law (38-39)
- II. Jesus Heals The Crowds (40-41)
- III. Jesus Preaches The Kingdom To The Rest (42-44)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- In the introduction to his sermon, Pastor Scott emphasized Luke's main goal: he wants us to know Jesus. How have you grown in your knowledge of Jesus in our study of Luke so far?
- What do you do at the first sign of sickness (make an appointment, check WebMD, etc)? In light of the sermon, what might you do differently?
- Luke emphasizes the tenderness and care that Jesus exhibited toward sick people. He visited them and he laid his hands on them. What is your attitude toward sick people? How can we show tenderness and compassion to others when they get sick? Have you ever seen a good example of this? What can you learn from that?
- Why did Jesus *rebuke* the fever? Think about the way Luke described this healing, especially in light of the context (Jesus had just exhibited authority over demons and in his teaching). Does this impact the way that you think about sickness?
- This was a long day of ministry for Jesus. He began the day by teaching God's word authoritatively. His sermon was interrupted by a demon-possessed man. Jesus publicly cast out the demon, then immediately went to Peter's house where he rebuked the fever in his mother-in-law. As the sun was going down, the lines grew long with sick and demon-possessed people. Jesus had compassion on all of them. What did Jesus do at the end of this long day? Is this how you respond after a long day of ministry?
- Peter's mother-in-law immediately served Jesus after she was healed. Why is this an important detail? When we pray for healing, what is our end goal? Comfort, long life, etc? Or is it service? Consider Philippians 1:21-26.
- Pastor Scott ended the sermon with two practical points of application from James 5:13-16 when we get sick (physical, emotional, mental). First, we must pray for healing. Is this your instinct? Do you ever give God the silent treatment when you get sick? Why? How can you grow in this area?
- Second, James tells us to call for the elders. Have you ever done this? If not, why? In James 5, believers are told to pray for healing and confess sins. Why do you think James connects prayer for healing and confession of sins?

