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## Luke 4:31-37

[31] And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, [32] and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. [33] And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, [34] "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." [35] But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. [36] And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" [37] And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

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## Sermon Outline:

- I. His Authority In His Teaching (31-32)
- II. His Authority Over Demons (33-37)

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## Life Group Leader Notes:





- What were your main takeaways from this Sunday's worship service? Did God comfort, convict, or challenge you?
- Pastor Scott mentioned three extremes that we must avoid in our battle against Satan. First, we must not see this battle as a fair fight. Pastor Scott mentioned the illustration of the chess match, where God and Satan exchange moves until Jesus triumphed in the resurrection. Why is this illustration appealing? Why is it unhelpful? What are a few passages that remind you that the fight is not fair?
- The second extreme is that we tend to focus too much on Satan and his power. Do you ever fall into this trap? Have you ever been in a community where there is an *overemphasis* on Satan? What are the dangers of this extreme?
- The final extreme to avoid is that we completely ignore Satan and his demons. We try to rationally explain away any type of spiritual warfare because our society has conditioned us to believe that spiritual opposition is impossible. Do you ever fall into this trap? What are the dangers of this extreme? Consider 2 Corinthians 2:11 and discuss why it is important to not be outwitted by the devil.
- Luke wants us to see that Jesus had *authority*. In this passage it is demonstrated in his teaching and authority over demons, but he will go on to demonstrate Jesus' authority over everything in creation. How do you think your unsaved neighbor would respond to the fact that Jesus has authority over their lives? Why do many people in 2024 reject authority? What might happen to someone who rejects all authority in their life? How is Jesus' authority different from the world's version of authority? (Lots of questions here, so feel free to dive into this line of thinking if it resonates with your group).
- Luke wants us to *be amazed* at the work of Jesus. This is not the first time, and it will not be the last time, in our study of Luke that people were amazed at Christ. Do you read the Bible with amazement? If so, describe the last passage you read that moved you. If not, why do you think this is? How can you grow in this area?
- Toward the end of the sermon, Pastor Scott described the best way to overcome spiritual opposition. We do not ignore Satan, and we do not need to engage him. But we can resist him by fleeing to God. Consider James 4:7-8 and talk about some practical ways that you can draw near to God this week.

