

Connect Group Journal Guide

Demons, Disease, & The Gospel

Text : Luke 4:31–44

Preparing Your Heart

Take a moment before reading the passage to quiet your mind and pray.

Prayer Prompt

Ask God to help you:

- Understand His Word clearly
- See Jesus more fully
- Respond with faith and obedience

Write a short prayer in your own words.

Prayer Reflection

Read the Passage

Read Luke 4:31–44 slowly.

As you read, notice:

- What Jesus does
- What people say or believe about Him
- What Jesus says about His mission

Write down anything that stands out to you.

Observations from the Passage

Jesus Has Authority Over Demons

(Luke 4:31–37)

In this passage, Jesus confronts a demon and commands it to leave. The people are amazed at His authority.

Reflection Questions

What do the demons recognize about Jesus that others may not fully understand yet?

Why is it important for Christians to remember that spiritual warfare is real?

Where do you most often experience spiritual struggle (temptation, discouragement, doubt, fear)?

How can prayer help you bring those struggles to Jesus?

Jesus Has Authority Over Disease

(Luke 4:38–41)

Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law immediately and completely. There are no lingering symptoms.

Reflection Questions

How do you usually respond when you experience sickness or suffering?

What does this passage teach you about bringing physical needs to Jesus?

What practical steps can help you care for your body while also trusting God?

Prayer, medical care, wise habits, and community support can all be gifts from God. How have you experienced that in your life?

A Taste of What's to Come

Jesus' miracles point forward to a future day when evil and suffering will be fully defeated.

Read **Revelation 20:7-10** and **21:1-4**.

Reflection Questions

What promises about the future stand out to you in this passage?

How does this future hope change the way you view present suffering?

Where do you need to be reminded that today's struggles are not the final story?

The Gospel Is the Main Mission

(Luke 4:42-44)

Although people wanted Jesus to stay and continue healing, He said He must go and **preach the good news of the kingdom**.

Reflection Questions

Why do you think people are often more drawn to miracles than to the message of the gospel?

What can happen to our faith when we believe God's main goal is simply to remove our problems?

How does understanding the priority of the gospel change the way you view your life?

How might God use both joy and suffering in your life for His purposes?

Personal Application

Take time to reflect honestly.

Where might you be mis-ranking things spiritually right now?

- Focusing more on comfort than Christ
- Seeking solutions more than the Savior
- Wanting relief more than transformation

Write what God may be showing you.

Personal Reflection

Living on Mission

Jesus prioritized proclaiming the gospel.

Reflection Questions

Who in your life needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

What is one step you could take this week to live more intentionally on mission?

Prayer

Close your time by praying through these areas:

- Protection from spiritual attack
- Healing for those who are sick
- Faith in seasons of suffering
- Boldness to share the gospel

Write a short prayer below.