

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Luke 4:31-44

Review

- Describe a place (other than Hove) which you will always remember as where something significant happened.
- Where would you like to be in 5 years' time?
- What was the most important event in your life?
- Explain what changed the most when you became a Christian. Why?

Remind

- What did Jesus usually do on the Sabbath day (v.31)?
- How did the people respond to Jesus (v.32)?
- What did the evil spirit in the man know about Jesus (v.34)?
- How did the people respond to the miracle (v.36)?
- What do we know about Simon's family (v.38)?
- How did the woman respond to the miracle (v.39)?
- At what time of day did the people seek out Jesus (v.40)?
How did Jesus respond to these visits?
- What did Jesus tell the evil spirits not to do on both occasions (v.35 & v.41)? Why did Jesus say this?
- Where did Jesus go early the following morning (v.42)?
- Was Jesus willing to stay with the people in that area (v.43)?

Respond

- Imagine you were a newspaper report for the '*Capernaum Herald*'. How would you report these events? Why?
- What one question would you want to ask Jesus?
- The people were amazed by Jesus' *teaching/word* (v.36), yet ask about His *authority & power*. Discuss the difference between teaching and authority.
- Should we expect similar miracles in 21st century Hove?
- You could end by reading together Luke 4:43

Luke 4:31-44 (NIVUK)

³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. ³² They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority.

³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴ 'Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!'

³⁵ 'Be quiet!' Jesus said sternly. 'Come out of him!' Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

³⁶ All the people were amazed and said to each other, 'What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!' ³⁷ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰ At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of illness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

⁴² At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.' ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

