



Small Group Study Guide for February 7, 2021

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: When Jesus entered the synagogue in Capernaum and Peter's home, big things began to happen! Jesus confronts the powers of darkness and brings help and healing. Let's spread the word concerning our amazing Savior who visits our church and our homes through His powerful word!

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. How do you true to beat the winter blues on these cold, dark days?
2. What passage of Scripture did you read most recently, and what did God tell you to believe or to do in that passage?

In the Word: Read Mark 1:21-34

3. What impressed the people so much about Jesus' teaching and preaching, which made it different than anything else they had heard before?
4. What is the reaction of the worshippers in the Synagogue when Jesus drives out the evil spirit?
5. As least how many people were present for the healing in Peter's home, according to verses 29-30?
6. What happened when the neighbors and whole town of Capernaum heard about what Jesus did in Peter's home? (vs 32-34)

Putting it all Together (what we should believe or do as disciples)

7. What do you think it means when Jesus “taught with authority”?
8. Notice how Jesus tries to conceal His true identity. When the evil spirit calls out who Jesus really is, Jesus rebukes him. When He drove out demons in Peter’s home from among the neighbors, He would not let them speak “because they knew who He was.” Why do you think Jesus is waiting to reveal His true identity?
9. Jesus is present in our churches today in His word and sacrament. Although we may not see exorcisms like the one that happened in the Capernaum Synagogue (which can still happen), how are the forces of evil driven out during our worship services?
10. Having Jesus in our homes brings blessings, healing, and restoration. Although we may not see miraculous healing like that of Peter’s mother-in-law (which can still happen), how does Jesus fill our homes with blessings, healing, and restoration?
11. The news of what Jesus did in the synagogue and in Peter’s home spread quickly through the town. “News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee” (1:28). In our pandemic world, there are some new ways to spread the news about what Jesus is doing in our church and in our homes through technology, as well as through traditional means. Discuss the various ways that people can “spread the news” about Jesus and what He is doing in our church and in our homes through technology and traditional ways.
12. If you could visit the Holy Land, what archeological or Biblical site would you want to visit the most, and why? How might you feel and what might you do if you were actually there?

Prayer: Ask the Lord Jesus Christ to continually fill our church and our homes with His presence. Ask that His power and authority might be evident in our lives and ministry. Pray for boldness to share the good news and to spread the word concerning what Jesus is doing in this place.

Next Week: At the Transfiguration, Jesus revealed His glory on a mountaintop, joined by Moses and Elijah, who confirmed that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world!

Note: There is a **Congregation Call Meeting** at 9:30 on Sunday, February 21. You may join us in person or via zoom as we discuss a call to a candidate for Associate Pastor.