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Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Lk. 4:18-19; Lev. 25; Isa. 61:1-2

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Bible Reading: Luke 4:16-44

Sermon Summary:

Jesus launched his ministry in his hometown of Nazareth, & while things started well, they soon soured when his kinfolk heard the scope of his ministry included non-Jews. This resulted in Jesus leaving that city & going down to the seaside town of Capernaum. He spoke of God's offer to release them from all forms of captivity & oppression, & the people were amazed by the authority in his words. Even more, Jesus cast out a demon from a Jewish man in the synagogue. This again caused them to see Jesus' authority. Both his words & deeds bore the mark of authority. Later that day he healed a sick woman with the same authority, & late into the evening he healed whomever was brought to him. In each instance, his authority was on full display. But why? Well, God's promise of a time to set things right among his people was now being fulfilled through Jesus. God's people were in horrible bondage to all sorts of evils. Jesus came & granted them freedom from all that held them, & cleared the path for them to have real relationship with God once again. The Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25) had finally begun.

Discussion:

1. Talk about what you know about the Year of Jubilee? Now read Lev. 25 to get further details. What are the practical aspects of it, & what is the underlying principle?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says *"Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled."* (4:21) How do you see him fulfilling the Jubilee in vv. 31-44?
3. Why do you think the unclean demonic spirit reacted the way it did to Jesus? And what do demons know about Jesus that humans don't know just by looking at him?
4. Why do you think Luke emphasises Jesus' authority in this section? He mentions it specifically in vv. 32 & 36. But where else is his authority implied in 31-44?
5. Have you faced demon possession? If so, talk about it. If not, watch the testimony of either Steven (14 mins) www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMu5F2icsT8&t=3s or Gabby (41 mins) , www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-tVcR5PoSI . Based on their stories, what ways is the devil using to capture people today? What might this mean for you as you engage with classmates, colleagues or family members who dabble in these things?
6. Do you believe demons are still real? Do you believe God heals people today?
7. Read Matt. 28:16-20. Jesus has **ALL** authority in heaven & earth. He tells us to make disciples in his authority. What might us setting people free in his authority look like?

End with Prayer.

- Pray for eyes to see the captured people in our lives & to seek him for their release.
- Pray for one another's concerns.