



From the beginning of Jesus' ministry, he is proving himself as our champion. He is winning everywhere we tend to lose. He overcomes temptation in the desert. He isn't crushed by rejection in his hometown. And he heals everyone in Galilee of both spiritual and physical sickness. These three bouts in Luke 4 will build our faith and confidence in a God who is undefeated. So no matter what it looks like right now, we know what is eternally true. And in any of these areas where we are losing the fight - God offers us two things 1) grace because Jesus already won for us and 2) the very Spirit that empowered Jesus to win.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Read Luke 4:31-37. Jesus has authority that can't be dismissed. What stood out to you about this scene? What can we learn from Christ's encounter with this demon possessed man? (*for more insight, look at 1 John 3:8 and James 2:19*)

2 Read Luke 4:38-39. This is the second healing in Luke's gospel. Combined, what do these two healings tell us about Jesus' ministry? How is this woman's healing and response a picture of our Christian lives?

3 Read Luke 4:40-41. Jesus has power that can't be denied. Luke stresses that every single person who came for healing walked away healthy. How do we reconcile the power of Jesus with the pain and sickness we see in the world?

4 Read Luke 4:42-44. Jesus stays focused on his mission, spreading this "good news" to more people. For parallel to this scene, read **Matthew 8:14-17**. Matthew references **Isaiah 53:4-5**. How do sickness and sin relate to one another in these passages? What does it tell us about Jesus' death and resurrection? (*P.S. - check out 1 Peter 2:24*).

5 Read Luke 24:45-49 and Revelation 22:1-5. Our Champion fought for ultimate healing in an eternal Kingdom. Jesus gives us the same Spirit who empowered him, and Jesus promises a healing that Luke 4 only gives us a taste of. Finish by praying together - asking God for more healing today, and thanking God for his ultimate healing through Jesus.

