



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of September 19, 2021

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Luke 4:38-44

38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. 42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiikaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In our passage this week, Jesus continues to display His power and authority over the spiritual realm as well as over physical illness. Although the people desperately sought Jesus for His healing miracles, these supernatural displays of power were never intended to stand alone, apart from a higher purpose. The Messiah's miracles were to show the people that He had the power and authority to forgive sins and that He alone was Lord over all creation. The kingdom of God is in the midst of His people because King Jesus is with them. Unfortunately, many in Jesus' time, and many today, fail to recognize this.

Discussion Questions

1. Throughout His ministry on earth, Jesus proved that He had the power and authority to heal every kind of disease and disability. This being the case, why do you think Jesus doesn't heal every sickness or physical ailment when we pray and ask Him?
2. When we share our faith with other people, why is it important not to promise people that Jesus will make their lives happy, successful, and fulfilling? Instead, what should we focus on when we witness to people about Christ?
3. Demons believe in Jesus Christ. They believe He is the Holy Son of God, and they obey His commands. Why then aren't they saved? 2 Corinthians 13:5 says, "**5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!**" How can you test yourself to see if you are truly saved?
4. Why is it important for Christians to spend time in solitude with God? What makes it so difficult for us to do this?

5. Are you living under the rule, reign, and authority of Christ in your life? Is Jesus Christ your King? If so, how does this show up in the way you live? If not, what does this say about your relationship with Jesus and what needs to change?