



Week of January 28, 2018

Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,

²⁴ and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"

²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. What was the best prank you ever did at school?
- B. Who was the best teacher you ever had and what made the person a great teacher?

Bible Study Questions:

1. In verse 22, what was astounding? What did it mean to have "authority"? Why did the scribes not have authority?
2. In verse 23, why do you think the person with the "unclean spirit" would come to the synagogue on the sabbath?
3. In verse 24, what do you think is the significance of the questions and the statement made by the person/demon?
4. In verse 26, why does the demon respond to being cast out as it does? How is this a metaphor for our lives?
5. Who are the best and worst influences on your behavior?
6. What are the most significant changes to your behavior that you would attribute to your faith?
7. Where are you most resistant to changing your behavior to be more in accord with what you feel Jesus is calling you to become?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about ways in which you are feeling compelled to change by your faith.