

The Gospel of Luke

Lesson 10

In the previous lesson, we saw Jesus, who is both the Son of God and the Son of Man, continue to establish the kingdom authority of God here on earth, by (1) calling His disciples, (2) demonstrating His authority over creation and (3) healing the sick.

In the calling of disciples, Jesus begins the process of calling out a people of God, who would eventually come to believe in Him as Savior, Lord and God. Jesus' supreme desire was to glorify His Father by completing the work God gave Him to do.

Jesus' authority over creation is evident in His instruction to Simon to let down his fishing nets for a catch. Despite having fished all night and caught nothing, Simon (Peter) obeys Jesus. Simon and his partners immediately catch so many fish that their nets begin to break. The fishermen are astonished at the size of their haul and Jesus' authority over creation.

Jesus demonstrates His rule over disease by healing a man with leprosy. As a result, news about Jesus spreads more, so that crowds of people come to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

Before beginning your study, thank Jesus for His authority, obedience to His Father and His willingness to help all who come to Him. And ask Him to give you insight and understanding of His Word.

Exercising Kingdom Authority Through the Forgiving of Sins

1. Read Luke 5:17-26, Matthew 9:1-8 and Mark 2:1-12.
 - A. Where is Jesus when the healing takes place?

 - B. Who is there besides Jesus? What is Jesus initially doing?

 - C. What do you think Luke means when he writes, “And the power of the Lord was present for him [Jesus] to heal the sick”? (verse 17b)
Why do you think Luke includes this information?

 - D. What do the friends of the man on the mat find when they carry him to Jesus? What do they decide to do?

- E. What does Jesus perceive about the men who cut a hole in the roof to lower their friend in front of Jesus?
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- 2. From Hebrews 11:1, define *faith*. In practical terms, what does this mean?
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- 3. From Hebrews 11:6, what else do we learn about faith?
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- 4. From Hebrews 11:32-40:
 - A. What do these verses teach us about those with faith?

 - B. Did they all receive what was promised? Why?

5. Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12. What is the great hope and promise of the Lord to those who suffer for testifying about Him and who trust Him for future blessing? On what basis is the apostle Paul able to do this?

6. Consider 2 Timothy 1:8-12, James 1:2-8 and 1 Peter 4:19. What is our response to be when we suffer according to God's will? Why?

7. From 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Ephesians 2:8-10, what else do we learn about faith? For what reason? For what purpose?

8. Read Luke 5:20. What does Jesus say to the man instead of immediately healing him? Why do you think He says this? What point is He making? What does Jesus call the paralytic? How is this title an encouragement to the paralytic. To us?
9. From Luke 5: 21, how do the Pharisees and teachers of the law respond to what Jesus says?
10. From Isaiah 1:18 and Jeremiah 31:31-34:
- A. In what one sense are the religious leaders right?
 - B. In a larger sense, how have they missed the point Jesus is making?

11. In answering their objection, how does Jesus link the authority to forgive sin with the authority to heal (Luke 5:22-25)?
 - A. What is the result of Jesus' pronouncement? What is the response of the people?
 - B. How are the result and the response of the people (Luke 5:25-26) partial fulfillment of the vision recorded in Daniel 7:13-14?