

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / NOVEMBER 5

TO APPLY—NOT REHASH—THE SERMON

Read

Read Luke 11:14–26 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “Humanity falls into two equal and opposite errors concerning the devil. Either they take him altogether too seriously or they do not take him seriously enough.” - C.S. Lewis.
- “Satan’s accusations always lead you to despair. When the Holy Spirit convicts you, it leads you to hope.”
- “The only way to keep out Satan, the strong man, is to be owned and controlled by the Stronger Man.”
- “Prayer gives us the ability to discern the stronghold, or speak the right truth into a situation.”
- “If you are a believer, and you suspect demonic activity in your life, you don’t need an exorcist. Jesus has placed the power to drive the demonic away in your hands, through surrender and faith.”

Group Discussion

1. Consider the C.S. Lewis quote above. How do you perceive demonic activity in today’s world? Do you see it as a significant influence, or do you think other factors play a more prominent role in our struggles? Why?
2. Based on Pastor J.D.’s house analogy, where might you have "sublet" to demonic influences in your life, and how can you reclaim those areas for Christ?
3. How do you personally differentiate between the Holy Spirit’s voice and other influences? Are there specific signs or feelings you associate with each?
4. How does the idea of Jesus being the "Stronger Man" who protects and restores us resonate with you? Can you share a personal experience that reflects this?

WEEKLY RESPONSE QUESTIONS

- Reflect:** This passage in Luke underscores Jesus’ divine authority over forces of evil. How does this passage shape how we think of and approach God in Christ?
- Respond:** Based on this sermon, what is one actionable step you can take in your spiritual journey?
- Reach:** Who is God calling you to pray for? Pray for them, and encourage that person with truth from the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

- Ask Jesus to take control of every area of our lives, drive out any other influences, and fill us with his Holy Spirit (Psalm 46:1).
- Pray that God would grant us deeper commitments to our community, to help us seek wisdom and counsel. Ask God for the grace to encourage one another in love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24–25).