

THE KINGDOM FOR THE POWERLESS

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START THE
CONVERSATION

REVIEW THIS WEEK'S SERMON. SHARE YOUR FAVORITE PART, POINTS YOU RELATED TO MOST, OR QUESTIONS WITH THE GROUP.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT REALLY ANNOYS YOU BUT DOESN'T BOTHER MOST PEOPLE?

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN A SITUATION YOU WERE TOTALLY UNPREPARED FOR?

READ MATTHEW 9:32-34 TOGETHER AS A GROUP. AS YOU READ, MAKE NOTE OF ANY KEY PHRASES THAT STAND OUT OR ANY QUESTIONS THAT ARISE. THEN, USE THE QUESTIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES BELOW FOR GROUP DISCUSSION.

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WHAT DID IT MEAN FOR THE MAN TO BE DEMON-OPPRESSED? IN WHAT OTHER WAYS ARE DEMONS OPPRESSIVE?

MATT 9:32-33
MATT 12:22
1 PET 5:8
2 COR 11:3-4

2

WHAT ACTION DID JESUS PERFORM IN THIS PASSAGE THAT CAUSED THE MUTE MAN TO SPEAK? HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO JESUS' ACTION IN OUR LIVES?

MATT 9:33
COL 1:9-14

3

HOW DID THE CROWDS REACT TO JESUS HEALING THE DEMON-OPPRESSED MAN? HOW DID THE PHARISEES REACT?

MATT 9:33-34
JOHN 9:32-33
MATT 12:24-28

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THE PHARISEES COULD NOT DENY JESUS' MIRACLES, BUT DENIED THE SOURCE OF HIS POWER. WHERE DOES JESUS' POWER ACTUALLY COME FROM?

MATT 9:34
JOHN 3:2
MATT 11:27
JOHN 17:2

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JESUS GIVES US ALL WE NEED FOR THE BATTLE AGAINST DARKNESS. WHAT ARE OUR RESOURCES? HOW CAN WE PRACTICALLY USE THEM IN BATTLE?

ACTS 1:8
EPH 6:10-17

RESPOND + PRAY

+WHERE DO YOU TURN WHEN OPPRESSED OR FALLING IN TO SIN AND HARDSHIP?

+MEMORIZE ONE SHORT PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE THAT WILL AID IN SPIRITUAL BATTLE.

PSA 62:2 / EPH 6:11 / COL 2:15 / 1 JOHN 4:4

ON YOUR OWN: DIG DEEPER

READ ISAIAH 61:1-3 THIS WEEK.

IN THIS PROPHETIC TEXT, ISAIAH EXPLAINS THE GOAL OF THE MESSIAH'S ANOINTING FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE COMING MESSIAH. TAKE SOME TIME TO PIECE TOGETHER HOW JESUS ACCOMPLISHES THOSE GOALS.