

Submitting to Jesus' Authority

Discussion Questions

Mark 1:21-28

Open It

- What makes a person a good teacher?
- What are some examples of power and authority?
- What words describe people who have authority?
- Why do we often feel small around people of power and authority?

Explore It

- What do Jesus' actions tell us about his beliefs regarding the Sabbath? (1:21)
- Why were the people amazed at Jesus' teaching? (1:22)
- What kinds of teachers were the people accustomed to that caused them to be amazed by Jesus' teaching? (1:22)
- Why did the man in the synagogue cry out to Jesus? (1:23-24)
- What did the evil spirit say to Jesus? (1:24)
- What do the evil spirit's words tell us about Christ? (1:24)
- How did Jesus respond to the man possessed by the evil spirit? (1:25-26)
- How did the evil spirit respond to Jesus' command to leave the man? (1:26)
- What occurred in the synagogue after Jesus cast out the demon? (1:27)
- Why did the people describe Jesus' teaching as "new"? (1:27)
- Why were the people so excited about Jesus? (1:27)
- Why did the news about Jesus spread so quickly over the region? (1:27-28)

Get It

- How does Jesus' teaching differ from the teaching we are used to today?
- Why should we share the news of Jesus' power and authority with other people?
- What does this story tell us about evil spirits and Jesus' power?
- According to Jesus, how should Christians respond to people controlled by sin?
- What authority does Jesus have over other areas of life?
- What makes us fearful of claiming Jesus' power over Satan's footholds in our lives?
- What is wrong with doubting Jesus' power?
- How can we show confidence in Christ's power over illness?
- How can we allow Jesus' power and authority to work in our lives?
- What specific areas of your life need the transforming power of Jesus?
- What area of your life do you need to place under Jesus' power and authority?

Apply It

- What is one way you can show submission to Christ's authority in your life throughout this week?
- What personal need or problem will you ask Jesus, through prayer, to heal this week?
- What could you do this week for someone who is sick or discouraged?