

WEEK 13:
**THE GOSPEL AND
THE DEMONIC**

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 4:31-41, 8:26-39, 9:37-45, 10:17-20 and 11:14-26

RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 8:14-16, 28-34; Mark 9:14-29,
Ephesians 6:10-20, 1 Peter 5:6-11

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

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us.

- Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

PERSONAL STUDY:

Would you say you *agree*, *disagree*, or *don't know* in response to the following statements?

- There is a spiritual realm. _____
- All things have a natural explanation. _____
- Demons are real and active. _____
- Demons interact with humans. _____
- We often make up spiritual explanations when we don't have a better explanation. _____

Have you ever experienced anything you thought was demonic? What happened?

Read Luke 4:33-34, 8:32 and James 2:19. What can we learn from demons about belief in God, fear of God, and motivation for obedience? What does God want if it's not fearful, begrudging submission?

Read Luke 10:17-20. What does Jesus say is more important than waging war with demons to His disciples? Why is this the case? Why are people tempted to invert these?

Read Ephesians 6:10-20. How does Jesus protect us from demonic attack according to this passage?

SERMON NOTES:



LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

Do you think demons exist and are active today? Have you ever experienced anything you thought was demonic? How frequently do you think about demons or the spiritual realm?



Read Luke 10:17-20. Why does Jesus say dominion over evil and the enemy is not the point for his followers? Why is focusing on God's love for us more important than focusing on demonic powers?

Read Ephesians 6:10-20. What kinds of attacks and harassments are protected against by the armor Paul describes in these verses?



How should we respond if someone tells us they're interacting with something demonic? What would you do if you experienced something that could be demonic?

