



**WEST
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CHURCH**

Week 7

Sermon Series: Light Dawns Darkness Trembles

Sermon Title: Better Than “Revival”

Sermon Text: Luke 4:38-44

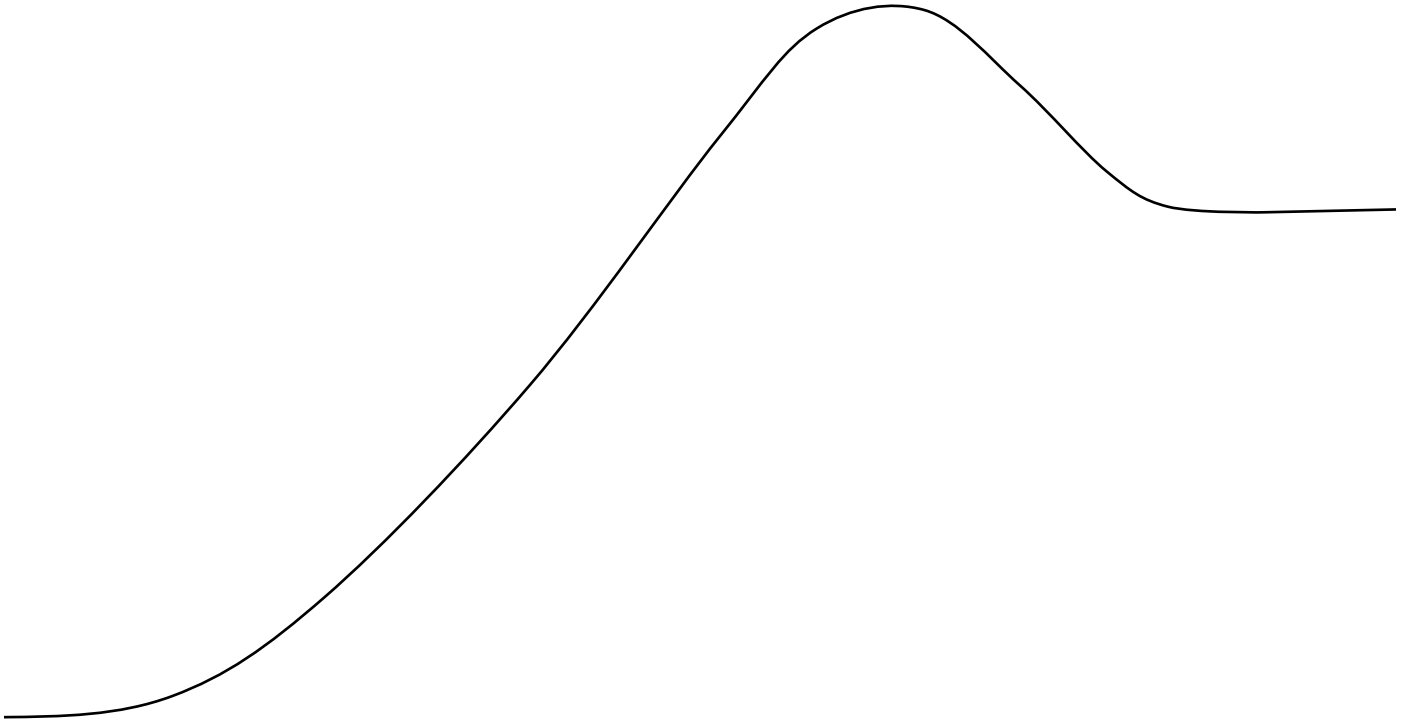
Group Week of: July 9, 2023

Sermon Date: July 16, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Mark’s Account – Mark 1:29-39
Day 2	The Authority of God – Genesis 1:1-31
Day 3	Interceding for the Sick – James 5:13-18
Day 4	Importance of Prayer – 1 Thes 5:16-18
Day 5	The Kingdom of God – Luke 17:20-37

The Text: Luke 4:38-44

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson (lessons) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) Is there any significance behind Jesus *rebuking* both the demons and the fever?
- 3) Why couldn't Jesus continue to stay in Capernaum?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Jesus heads to Simon's house after preaching and casting out a demon in the synagogue of Capernaum. This would be very similar to having lunch with friends after church on Sunday. How important is this kind of fellowship? Discuss the importance of rest and Christian fellowship with your life group.

- 2) Peter's mother-in-law immediately serving others upon regaining her health is an incredible demonstration of the hospitality and love that was in her heart even while bedridden and sick. Sometimes, we, like Peter's mother-in-law, wish we could practice hospitality, but are unable to. Other times, though able and healthy, we are unwilling to practice hospitality. What does your practice of hospitality reveal about your heart towards others?

- 3) Jesus healing various diseases, sicknesses, and even demonic possession is incredible. He shows us that no matter the ailment, He has the authority to bring healing in every situation. This makes Him worthy of our hope. We must also recognize that though God can heal miraculously, He doesn't always do so. How do you make sense of following a God who can heal every affliction, but does not always do so?

- 4) Jesus began Saturday morning teaching in the synagogue. Saturday at sundown, He began healing. He was surely up late that night, maybe even until the morning light! We do know that at first light He left to get away from the crowds. Mark 1:35 tells us that Jesus got away on this day to pray. When tired, exhausted, and ready to rest, Jesus prays. What does this teach us about true rest?

- 5) When Jesus is teaching, healing, and staying with the people of Capernaum, the experience is so great they never want it to end. We might call such a time a "revival" in our modern vocabulary. Like Capernaum, we always want the revival to go on—to never end. Why is this a foolish desire?

- 6) Jesus never loses sight of the importance of the mission given Him by the Father, nor does He ever neglect fellowship with the Father in prayer. Do you know your mission, and are you relentlessly focused on fulfilling it? Do you maintain fellowship with God in prayer, even when exhausted? If your answer is "no" to any of the above questions, study Jesus' example, and write out an application or two that you can put into practice to help keep you single-mindedly focused on serving the King in your daily life.