

Small Group Questions

No Middle Ground! (“...it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, but you’ve got to serve somebody.”) Luke 11:14-28

Read text aloud

1. What would you conclude the BIG IDEA of the text is? Is it primarily about the reality of **demons** or the necessity of a **decision**? Why?
2. In vs. 14, a mute demon makes his victim mute. What can this tell us about demons? Their purpose, pattern of operating, etc.?
3. Do you agree with this statement? *“Though Satan doesn’t have power to silence most people’s vocal chords, he does successfully muzzle people who require finding their own voice. For example, Satan’s goal is to keep victims of abuse silent, usually through fear and shame. Jesus comes into these situations and frees up people to speak truth...”*
4. How does Jesus refute the crowd’s conclusion that Jesus power came from Satan?
5. Read vs. 21-22. Discuss how Brian’s paragraph hits you. *“When we invite Jesus into areas of our lives that appear to be in bondage in one way or another (inordinate fear, uncontrolled anger, jealousy, unforgiving spirit, sexual addictions, narcissism, etc.); when we bring the area into the light through honest confession and repentance, Jesus does three things: he overpowers Satan, he takes away his armor (that which he’s been hiding behind...sin), and he gives you back what Satan had claimed for himself (your voice, freedom from fear, self-control, etc.). This is what “dividing up the spoils” means.”*
6. What does Jesus’ story about the demon who leaves a man and then returns with 7 others tell us about 1. Demons? And 2. The danger of being spiritually neutral?
7. What role does baptism play throughout the tradition of the Church in facilitating a clean break from Satan’s kingdom?