

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Something Greater

LUKE 11:14-36

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

OBSERVE, INTERPRET & APPLY // LUKE 11:14-36.

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: Everyone is either with Jesus or against him—our position is revealed by how we receive and joyfully obey (or don't!) the word of God.

1. Read Luke 11:14-23.
2. Summarize the events in this passage.
3. What do you notice about the various responses to Jesus casting out the demon?
4. How does Jesus respond to those accusing him that he casts out demons by Beelzebul?
5. What does Jesus mean when he says he casts out demons by the "finger of God"?
6. Why does Jesus make the comment regarding the Kingdom of God and what does he mean by it?
7. What do you notice about Jesus' words in verse 23? What does it mean to be "with" Jesus?
8. What do verses 14-23 teach us about the character of Jesus?
9. Read Luke 11:24-26.
10. How does this passage relate to the previous verses?
11. What/Who should occupy a man after unclean spirits have been cast out of him? (see Luke 11:13)
12. What is Jesus' point in verses 24-26?
13. Read Luke 11:27-36.
14. What is significant about what Jesus said in answer to the woman? How does this truth apply to us?
15. In verse 20, what is the crowd seeking from Jesus? When Jesus says "no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah," what does he mean? Hasn't he already given them plenty of signs (e.g. casting out demons, calming storms, multiplying bread, etc.)?
16. How was the Son of Man a sign to that generation as Jonah was to the Ninevites?
17. On what basis will the men of Nineveh condemn that generation?

18. Who or What is the greater thing Jesus is speaking about?
19. In what way(s) does this passage apply to us today?
20. What is Jesus' point with the light/lamp parable in verses 33-36?
21. How is Jesus' warning about judgment evidence that we have a kind and gracious God?
22. How would you summarize this passage in a sentence (or two)?

- General Bible study questions:

- **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
- **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
- **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
- **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
- **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Follow up on answers / prayers from last week.