

## **Matthew 12:22- Discussion Questions**

**(Please use as many as you wish and modify them to suit the needs of the group)**

Read the whole chapter so that everyone gets the proper context for this incident.

### **The Passage**

How did people respond to Jesus' miracle? - general public and leaders

Why did the Pharisees think Jesus cast out demons with the power of Beelzebul?

Paraphrase Jesus' answer to the accusation of the Pharisees (vs 25-27) in your own words.

How does Jesus' comments about the strong man (v29) fit with the incident and what Jesus is saying?

(Possible more specific questions - who is the strong man? Who is the person entering the house? What possessions are they after?)

What is the significance and meaning of v30?

### **Application**

Do you see the impact of evil in the world - in what ways at the moment?

Do you recognise a battle playing out in your own life?

Can you see God's victory in your life as you look at how it has developed?

What do you do to help you 'win' the battle on a day to day basis?

How do you seek to win 'hearts and minds' for Jesus?

### **Prayer**

To live out of the victory that Jesus has won for us - and any specific issues mentioned

For opportunity to share what we have in Christ with those we come into contact with each week

For individuals we know and would love to share Jesus's victory

### **Additional Cross-References**

John 8:44 – Satan is a murderer and a liar.

John 10:10 – Satan comes to steal and destroy.

Luke 10:18 – Jesus witnessed Satan falling from heaven.

2 Cor 4:4 - the god of this world blinds people to the truth

1 John 5:19 - the world is under the power of the evil one

Hebrews 2:14 – Jesus destroyed the one who has the power of death, Satan.