

Sermon: Jesus is Stronger than Satan.
Series: Luke: Good News for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 11:14-26.
Date: February 2, 2025

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Do you struggle in any way to believe in a literal Satan? Why or why not?
- b) Some have argued that the existence of evil proves that a good and powerful God cannot exist. In what ways does this passage show us the power and goodness of God especially as it relates to the existence of evil in this world?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Read v. 24-26 again. Jesus describes a person who gets rid of one unclean spirit but then seven more come back with him so that “the last state of the person is worse than the first.” What lesson is Jesus trying to teach us about spiritual growth and transformation from this parable?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read verses 21-22. Jesus describes himself as the Strong One who plunders Satan. In what way did the cross of Christ “attack,” “overcome,” “take away the armor of,” and “divide the spoils,” of Satan? Also, read and discuss Colossians 2:13-15 and Hebrews 2:14-15.

APPLICATION

- a) Can you identify ways that you might be trying to “put your house in order” (v25) but without giving Christ, the Strong One, control? Why is this always a futile exercise when it comes to true and lasting change?
- b) In verse 23 Jesus says that anyone not with him is against him. Why is there no room for neutrality concerning Christ? Are there any areas of your life where you might be trying to consciously or subconsciously work against Christ?

PRAYER

- Honor God for his supreme power over evil.
- Confess ways that you have tried to clean up your life without Christ being at the center.
- Thank Jesus for being our “Christus Victor” who conquered sin, death, and Satan.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to do life with Christ (not against him).