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Study 4 - Luke 4:31-5:32

1. Read quickly through the whole passage (4:31-5:32). Can you spot any themes that tie these stories together? What is Luke telling us about Jesus?
2. In 4:31-37, what kind of authority do we see Jesus exercising? What else does Jesus have authority over in 4:38-44?
3. What mechanism does Jesus use to exercise his authority in each of these stories? What does this tell us about him?
4. The snapshots of Jesus' power and authority continue in chapter 5. In what other areas is Jesus shown to have authority (5:1-26)?
5. What role do these miracles play in light of Jesus' claims in 4:16-21?
6. What is the general reaction that Jesus gets in these chapters to the miracles that he performs (see 4:36-37, 40, 42; 5:8-10, 15, 26)? How do the religious leaders respond (5:21, 30)? Why is there a difference?

7. In the light of his growing popularity, how does Jesus make his priorities clear (see 4:42-44; 5:16, 31-32)? Why does Jesus say he has come?
8. Look at 5:17-26. What reason does Jesus give in v23-24 for healing the paralysed man? What does Jesus see as the paralytic's greatest need?
9. How do all the four major incidents in 5:1-32 illustrate Jesus' mission to restore sinners to a right relationship with God (5:32)?
10. Looking at this passage, what two priorities can you identify in Jesus' ministry? How do these compare to what people expect of Jesus today?
11. We've seen Jesus choose some unlikely people to interact with and to help. How is this a challenge to who we choose to associate with or minister to?
12. What have you learnt about Jesus in this passage that has surprised or intrigued you? What has puzzled you? What do you need to pray about?