

Discussion Questions

1. In the message this week Jesus encountered a person with a demon. He encountered him in a synagogue. What did people generally do in a synagogue?
2. Gathering in the synagogue is sort of like going to church to worship and to study scripture. What people can you name from today's message who were in that worship service? Who was the most significant person in the gathering?
3. Who wasn't in the service according to the text?
4. Who is always present when we gather in his name according to **Matthew 18:20**? What does it mean to be gathered in his name?
5. Simon and Andrew were in the service as well as James and John the sons of Zebedee. What did they love to do and what did their presence in the worship service indicate?
6. Attending church regularly shouldn't be governed by guilt or obligation but something else which is much stronger? What should draw us to church again and again? See **Revelation 2:1-7 & Psalm 122:1**
7. While Jesus was speaking, with great authority by the way, what happened according to **Mark 1:23-24**?
8. The book of Mark deals with two worlds the physical world and the spiritual world. Jesus acknowledges both as being very real. Why do we embrace the physical world but doubt the spiritual world? Read **Ephesians 6: 12-13**.
9. Describe how the origins of Satan and demons probably occurred according to scripture? **Revelation 12:1-10, Isaiah 14:12-15, Jude 9, 2 Peter 2:4**.
10. What are some of the activities of Satan and demons in the Bible according to these verses? **John 12:31, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:2, 1 John 5:19, Revelations 20:8**. What are the implications for the reality of Satan and demons in today's world?

Concluding Thought

It is possible to be too tuned into demons or to be naive about them. C.S Lewis said:

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors, and hail a materialist or magician with the same delight." C.S Lewis The Screwtape Letters (page 3)