TEXT: LUKE CHAPTER 4

<u>Directions:</u> - Let the whole chapter be read first time you come together to study this chapter so that everyone could participate fully. Thereafter, the class may then be reading recommended verses as needed when answering the questions. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.

Read the following passage from the Book of Luke and answer the questions that follow. - New International Version (NIV).

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- 2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening." (Luke 3:21)?
- 3. Why do you suppose the people in Jesus' hometown had such a difficult time accepting Him?
- 4. Why did the crowd become enraged? How did Jesus save Himself?
- 5. How did Jesus astonish those in Capernaum?
- 6. What happened with Simon's mother-in-law?

Answer Key

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- 1. Summarize Jesus' 40 days in the desert. The devil tempted Jesus with food, power, and self-preservation, but He stayed true to God.
- 2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening." (Luke 3:21)? During His reading in the synagogue in His hometown, He read Isaiah saying the Lord sent Him to bring the Good News. When he said this comment, he was saying that He was the Savior sent to spread the good news.
- 3. Why do you suppose the people in Jesus' hometown had such a difficult time accepting Him? Perhaps because Jesus grew up with them, they already had preconceived notions of Him.
- 4. Why did the crowd become enraged? How did Jesus save Himself? They became enraged when He used the scripture of Elijah to show them that they would be punished for not believing in Him. They were going to throw him off a cliff, but he went straight through the crowd and walked away.
- 5. How did Jesus astonish those in Capernaum? He cured a man who was possessed by the devil.
 - 6. What happened with Simon's mother-in-law? She had a high fever and He cured her.