

Biblical Healthcare Reform

Luke 4:31-44

LG Questions for 09/27/09

Getting Started

- 1) American Healthcare.** a) Healthcare is a major topic of discussion today. What worries or encourages you about the steps lawmakers are taking to fix our system? Caution: Share your hopes and fears, not your political views about our Congress or President. b) According to Paul's counsel in Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Timothy 2:1-4, what responsibilities do we have when our rulers disappoint us? Be sure to apply this advice as you begin your Bible study.

Getting into the Bible

- 2) Office Hours.** Read Luke 4:31-37 where Luke describes the healing ministry of Jesus. a) Tell how the teaching and healing of Jesus differed from that of the other teachers and healers the people knew. b) What was surprising about the day and place where he performed this miracle? Why? What would have surprised you about it if you'd been there that day?
- 3) House Calls.** Read Luke 4:38-41. a) Describe the types of afflictions Jesus was able to heal, as well as when and where he was willing to do so. b) What can we conclude from these facts about the power and compassion of Jesus? Give an example of how you've experienced this in your own life.
- 4) Days Off.** Read Luke 4:42-44. a) Where did Jesus go and what did he do to find rest after a long day's work? If you've ever tried this as a remedy for your stress and fatigue, did it work? b) How did the people react to Jesus' desire for solitude, and why did he refuse to do as they wanted?

Getting Personal and Practical

- 5) Your Healthcare.** a) Apart from its cost, how would you rate the medical care you've received as a modern American? Give an example if you can (without naming names if you're unhappy with your doctor). b) Today we tend to look to government to meet the needs of the poor. Given the example of Jesus, do you think this meets his expectations of you as one of his followers? Explain.