## **STUDY GUIDE: PARABLE:**

"Strength" (Luke 11:14-26)

## **Discussion Starters**

--"undisturbed" (Luke 11:21)—

| 1.   | What is "strength"?  |  |
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| 2.   | How do you know when someone is strong?  |  |
| <b>Study:</b> Read Luke 11:14-26 in preparation for the following questions. |  |  |
| 3.   | What is the background of this parable?  |  |
| 4.   | What is the primary point of the parable? (Sum it up in one brief sentence.)   |  |
| 5.   | Who or what is "Beelzebul"?  |  |
| 6.   | What does the Bible say about demons? (Cite the passages)  |  |
| the C  | To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. ember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions thow to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff. |  |
| Defi   | ne the following words or terms.   |  |
|  | "amazed" (Luke 11:14)—   |  |
|  | "test" (Luke 11:16)—   |  |
|  | "sign" (Luke 11:16)—   |  |
|  | "strong" (Luke 11:21)—   |  |

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| 8. and b   | Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning background of that word better helped you understand this passage. |  |
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| 9.<br>16-1   | Jesus accomplished many miracles (signs). Why did he refuse to do one in this case (vs. 7)?   |  |
| 10.  | Is the story in vs. 24-26 a parable? Why or why not? What difference does it make?  |  |
| <b>Taking It Home</b> (You won't be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.) |   |  |
| 11.  | How can we be "the strong man" fully armed and ready?   |  |
| 12.  | When God cleans us up, what prevents us from becoming worse off than before?  |  |
| 13.  | What specifically do you need to guard against "coming back" into your life?  |  |