Study Guide for November 17th, 2002. Following Jesus: Luke 13:10-17 Sabbath Liberation.

Read through the passage and imagine that you were present in the synagogue on the Sabbath when Jesus performed the miracle described in this text. A news reporter interviews you about your observations . . .

1. What are the facts?

   A. What did you see Jesus do?

   B. What did you hear Jesus say?

   C. Describe the woman?

   D. Explain what happened to her?

2. What was the reaction?

   A. How did the synagogue ruler react to Jesus? Why do you think he reacted that way?

   B. How did Jesus respond to the synagogue ruler?

   C. What effect did Jesus' answer have on the ruler?

   D. What effect did Jesus' answer have on the crowd?

3. Context: Compare and Contrast previous miraculous healings (both on the Sabbath in a synagogue).

Text	Similarities	Differences	Lessons
Luke 4:31-41:			
Luke 6:6-11:			

4. Lingering Questions:

   A. What is the right use of the Sabbath (see Isaiah 58)? How should Christians today apply it?

   B. What insight does this text give on suffering (the woman had the infirmity for 18 years)? What hope can we as followers of Christ give to those who endure chronic illness?

   C. In this text, Jesus liberates a woman who has been bound by Satan. To what extent is demonic oppression a factor in the bondage people experience? How can we know?

   D. What does this text teach us about the compassion of Christ?

   E. "The danger and result of valuing tradition over compassion is callousness and hypocrisy" Where do we face this danger and what can we do to guard against it?