

# “Hometown Reception”

New Hope Community Church

March 17th, 2019 / Luke 4:14-30

# Life Group Meeting

Luke 4:14-30

## A. Jesus Reads A Prophecy From Isaiah (16-20)

### 1. The Scripture is clearly a reference to the coming **Messiah**

- Messiah would be fully **empowered** by the Holy Spirit
  - “preach the gospel to the poor”
- Messiah would bring good news to the **spiritually** impoverished
  - “proclaim release to the captives”
- Messiah would provide full **forgiveness** for prisoners of war
  - “recovery of sight to the blind”
- Messiah would **restore** the sight of the spiritually blind
  - “to set free those who are oppressed”
- Messiah would **remove** the chains of spiritual bondage
  - “to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord”
- Messiah would tell of the presence of God’s favor - **salvation!**

### 2. The Scripture was intentionally quoted **incompletely**

- Isaiah 61:2 continues: ‘and the day of **vengeance** of our God’
- What begins to be revealed is that the Messianic promises will ultimately be fulfilled in **two** comings
  - (1) The first coming brings grace & **forgiveness**
  - (2) The second coming brings justice & **punishment**

## B. Jesus Interprets the Prophecy From Isaiah (21-27)

### 1. The hometown people loved the words of **grace** Jesus spoke

### 2. The hometown Prophet exposed the **unbelief** in their hearts

- They were waiting to see a miracle
- They were waiting to catch Him in an error
- Their unbelief was just like that of their forefathers

## C. The Hometown People Respond to Jesus (28-30)

### 1. Anger over Jewish **pride** overruled Isaiah’s prophecy

### 2. Hatred for Jesus arose **quickly** from those who knew Him well

### 3. The Holy Spirit provided a miraculous escape as a **testimony**

## Personal Response

- Jesus foretold that we would be hated as He was (Jn 15:18,19)
- QUESTION: Do I have any type of pride that shuts off my ears and heart from hearing the words of Scripture?

## QUESTIONS

### 1) Read Luke 4:14-30

2) Perhaps we have understood the words “poor, captive, and blind” to refer to physical situations that people are experiencing. The Greek words seem to point to these as spiritual conditions that the Messiah would address. If this is the case, how does this help us to understand the nature of the Kingdom of God that Jesus came to establish?

3) What is the significance of Jesus, in quoting from Isaiah 61:2 about His ministry, stopping after the part where the Messiah would proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, and not continuing on about also declaring the vengeance of God?

4) Discuss as a group the distinctions between the first and second comings of the Messiah. What are their two distinct purposes?

5) Why would the people of Nazareth be so quickly turned from interest in to rage over the words of Jesus? What was it about what He said that so deeply offended them to the point of wanting to kill him?

6) Why do you think the Name of Jesus provokes such hatred in the world today, when the names of other religious leaders do not seem to do the same, at least to the same degree?

7) Pray for one another.