

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions
February 18, 2017
Treasuring Jesus: The Mission of Jesus

Text: Luke 4.14-44

Looking into the Text:

1. What was a custom of Jesus (4.14-16)? In His reading of Isaiah 61.1-2, what does, “the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor” mean (4.17-18)?
2. What does it mean that was “sent to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and to set free the oppressed” (4.17-18)?
3. What does it mean that He came to proclaim “the favorable year of the Lord” (4.18)? What does this mean for the day we live in currently?
4. In reading this what did this mean according to Jesus (4.20-21)?
5. How did the audience first respond (4.22)? What did this mean?
6. Why did Jesus respond the way He did and what did this mean (4.23-27)?
7. Why did the people now respond this way (4.28-30)?
8. What do you see in the healing that stick out to you of being significant (4.31-41)?

Looking Deeper:

1. What is Jesus’ mission? What did the Jews in this context want His mission to be about instead? How was this similar to the temptation of the devil?
2. Who are we as the church (Ephesians 1.22-23; 4.15-16)? What does this mean in relation to the mission of Jesus (1 Peter 2.21)? What is our life to look like as a result?
3. If Jesus’ life was about moving toward need and not comfort what does it mean to be Christian?

PRAY:

1. Pray for the group that we would believe Jesus to be our Messiah if we have not and that we would as disciples imitate His mission.
2. Pray that our church body would flee temptation to move toward comfort and to instead move toward need modeling the mission of Jesus (4.18-19).

Do: Seek to model Jesus’ ministry this week in your own life. Meditate on Luke 4.18-19 each day and ask the Lord to move you toward the need of the poor, captives, blind and oppressed. Let this be the great mission of our life.