



Week of January 27, 2019

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. Who have you known who is naturally very talented at something? What are you naturally talented at?
- B. What were some of your family's customs growing up? What was a typical Sunday in your household?

Bible Study Questions:

1. Jesus is returning from 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. What do you imagine his mood would be after completing that trial?
2. Verses 14 and 15 imply that Jesus has been engaged in some kind of ministry. What do you imagine he was doing?
3. What do verses 18 and 19 tell you about the priorities of Jesus' ministry? Is this different from how Jesus' focus is usually portrayed?
4. What do you imagine is "good news" to the poor? Is your answer the same as what a poor person might say?
5. Which of the situations described in verse 18 do you most identify with? Are there any that describe a particular need of yours right now?
6. To what extent have you ever seriously imagined a world where the things described have indeed been fulfilled?
7. What do you imagine your role as being in the fulfillment of God's vision for the world? Are you living into that role now? If not, what is stopping you?
8. What would you try if you knew you would succeed?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers for vision to explore their role in God's purposes and for any release/recovery needed in their lives.