



## Small Group Bible Study—St. Paul's: Onalaska

WK 2: Regardless of our Reaction

Based on sermon from Feb 3rd, 2019

*Luke 4:20-30*

### WARM UP

1. What do you like best about the town where you grew up? Is it strange going back there?

### INTO THE TEXT

2. What was Jesus point in talking about the two Old Testament lessons? (the widow of Zaraphath - 1 Kings 17 - and Naaman the Syrian – 2 Kings 5)
3. The people tried to kill Jesus. There could have been many different reactions to people trying to kill him. Why did he simply walk away?
4. Pastor Bader brought up how people “closest” to Jesus are among the first to reject him. How do we explain those who seem to have grown up with every spiritual advantage (Christian home, Christian education, etc), but yet have fallen away? How did that happen?

### DIGGING DEEPER

5. The people who loved Jesus, suddenly changed their mind about him and wanted to throw him off a cliff. Look at the verses and think of some different ways that our sinful nature wants to throw Jesus off of the cliff of our hearts. Consider the emotions that are taking place in each case when you are faced with whether or not to obey Jesus.
  - Gen 4:6-7
  - Acts 5:1-2
  - Romans 7:18-20
6. See Micah 7:18-19. Even though they tried to throw him off a cliff, he walked away from them. He continued his journey to the cross. How do these words from Micah cause us to see Jesus doing the same thing in our lives?

### NOW WHAT?

7. Jesus said, “no prophet is accepted in his home town.” There are a lot of emotions connected with bringing up the topic of religion both for the one speaking and the one listening. What close family member or friend do you need to talk to? Why has it been so difficult to do so? What do you think would be a good way of approaching them, if at all?