

# SERMON DISCUSSION

## QUESTIONS

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### Farewell: Remember People on the Outside - David Lane

#### WARM-UP

1. Have you ever played a sport where the objective is to hit a target? This might include basketball, soccer, darts, or archery. What is the common key strategy to being successful at these kinds of sports? What would happen if you tried to shoot a basket in basketball by only looking at and watching the ball starting with holding it in your hands? How about shooting an arrow in archery by only watching the arrow starting with holding it in the bow and only looking at the arrow as you release it? What does the author of the book of Hebrews tell us in verses 12:1-2?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

*With this message, Dave begins his final sermon series at EAC. This week he begins with a reflection on the beginning of Jesus' ministry as recorded in the Gospel account of Luke, and Jesus' focus on the 'outsiders' rather than the 'insiders'.*

#### Jesus Explains His Mission – READ: Luke 4:14-21

2. In this passage of His ministry proclamation, where was Jesus? Why is this significant?
3. What Old Testament scripture is Jesus quoting in verses 18 and 19? What are the action verbs that Jesus is quoting from these scriptures? Are these His actions as well?
4. What does Jesus mean in verse 21? What do His words tell us about His nature and character?

#### Jesus Identifies His Target – READ: Luke 4:18

5. Who was/is Jesus' target? Would these people be considered 'insiders' or 'outsiders' to the Jewish leadership of the day? Why? How about us today? Do we consider these people 'insiders' or 'outsiders'?

#### Jesus confronts the insiders with love for the outsiders – READ: Luke 4:22-28

6. In verses 24-27, Jesus gives them two examples of the 'outsiders'. What were the characteristics of the people in these two examples? Were they 'insiders' or 'outsiders'? What was Jesus telling the gathered crowd about His coming ministry?
7. Compare verses 22 and 28. Is this a clue to how radical Jesus' proclamation of His ministry was (and still is today)? How? Read verse 29 – how serious is Jesus' proclamation?

8. Do we sometimes react the same way with our own biases, preferences, and viewpoints about 'outsiders'? If so, how do we overcome these tendencies?

## **PRAYER**

*Let us pray that we would hear the words of Jesus in fresh, new ways, as He proclaims His ministry, understanding the 'upside down' nature of His coming for us, and through His Grace and Strength, by the Holy Spirit, for us to engage and serve those who He places in our paths.*

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