



Resources

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Luke 4:14-21

[14] And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. [15] And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

[16] And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and 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 proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
[19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

[20] And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. [21] And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Sermon Outline:

- I. The Setting of the Sermon (14-15)
- II. The Content of the Sermon (16-21)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- What would happen if a church stopped preaching the gospel? Why is it important for Christians to constantly hear the gospel message preached? When you hear a sermon on the gospel, do you tune out or do you lean in?
- How would your life group explain the gospel message in one paragraph? What components must be included? Are there any Bible verses you should include? Take a few minutes to work through this together and try to produce a simple explanation of the gospel. Could you weave in any metaphors from the passage we read this week in Luke 4? (Poverty, slavery, blindness, oppression).
- Pastor Scott gave us a compelling picture of a church that preaches the gospel regularly, to both believers and nonbelievers. Should the burden of gospel proclamation be on one person or on everyone? Take a few minutes to ask everyone when they last proclaimed the gospel. What steps can the group take to begin sharing the gospel more effectively with nonbelievers?
- Verse 14 says that Jesus returned to Galilee in the *power of the Spirit*. Take a few minutes to discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of Christ. Where has the Spirit shown up in Jesus' life in the first four chapters? Why does Luke emphasize this? Why is this important for us?
- Which was more important: Jesus' teaching or his miracles? When you think about the life of Jesus, do you emphasize his miracles or his teaching? Pastor Scott said that nobody comes to faith because of a miracle. This will be emphasized at the end of Luke 16. Why is this? What, then, is the role of miracles?
- Read Isaiah 61. It might even be helpful to scan through Isaiah 62 and 63 for further context. When Jesus opened the scroll to this portion of Isaiah, what verses do you think the religious leaders were hoping he would emphasize? Why do you think that Jesus left out the judgment passages?
- Jesus highlighted four groups of people he came to save: the poor, the captive, the blind, and the oppressed. How do you relate to each of these groups? What is the remedy to each problem? How has Jesus provided that in your life?

