

Word, Sign and Deed

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Luke 4:14-29

1. What does the phrase “word, sign and deed”, from our mission statement, mean to you? Why do we include it? What do they represent?
2. What specific thing does Jesus say he is going to do?
3. What is significant about each of these things? What would doing these things require of him?
4. Why did the crowd react to Jesus the way they did? What might they have been angry or upset about?
5. Thinking through your knowledge of the gospels, what evidence of Jesus fulfilling his mandate through word, sign and deed can you think of?
6. What do each of these events (from question 5) have in common?
7. How are you embracing the movement of God in the world?
8. How is the love of Jesus evident on your life, both the way it enters your life from ‘without’, and the way in which you share it with others from ‘within’?
9. How are you embodying the love of Jesus through word, sign and deed? What does doing the things Jesus said he was doing require of you?
10. What role do word, sign and deed play in the formation of community?
11. What role does community play in the outworking of word, sign and deed?
12. How will you shine the light of Jesus for others this week?

Prayer points:

- Pray for all the people in the North Island affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.
- Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake.
- Pray for the ill and vulnerable in our communities.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.