

The Priority of Christ Isaiah 61:1-4

What is Jesus' priority in your life?

- I. The power for change
 - A. The anointed one (v. 1a; Luke 4:16-21; Acts 4:26-27)
 - B. Anointing and change (1 John 2:27)
- II. The place of change
 - A. The place of pain (v. 1b-3a)
 - B. Real change vs. circumstantial change (Luke 13:6-9)
- III. The result of change
 - A. Displaying his beauty (v. 3b)
 - B. Instruments of restoration (v. 4)

Application Guide:

1. To whom or what are you looking that doesn't have the power, in and off itself, to change you? How have you lost sight of Jesus' power to change you?
2. To what place or experience of pain or sorrow does Jesus keep bringing you back? How are you resisting change by avoiding places of pain?
3. Can you articulate how Jesus has changed you and how he is changing you? What opportunities do you have to display Christ's beauty by sharing how he has changed you?