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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

WELCOME

What do you like best about the hometown you grew up in?

WORSHIP

Listen to "Hallowed Be" (Live) - Matt Redman

https://youtu.be/04wk5O_I5Co?si=5dE4KqH-PADDdyN3

WORD

*Message Title: "Beware of Contempt" | Luke: Good News for Broken People
(Part 10) | Pastor Bryan James, 8/2/26*

Scriptures: Luke 4:14-30

1. What part of the message or passage stood out to you this week? Why?
2. Read Luke 4:14-19. What is Jesus' mission according to verses 18-19?
3. Jesus has come to bring _____ to the people and is met with *contempt* and rejection in his hometown. Why did people in Nazareth have a problem accepting Jesus?
4. When have you felt either under- or over- estimated because of where you were from or who you were related to?
5. Read vv. 20-30. What was it that Jesus said that turned people's amazement (v.22) into anger (v.28)?
6. *On the receiving end of 'Contempt':* Have you ever ministered God's word (to bring grace) to a brother or sister in Christ and received a response of contempt or rejection? How do you generally deal with this? How does God's word encourage us to deal with it? Where do you find it hardest to be accepted?
7. *On the giving end of 'Contempt':* Have you ever showed (or been tempted to show) contempt when confronted with God's word & ways from a brother or sister in Christ? What is the dynamic at play that we must overcome so we do not forfeit the grace of God coming through familiar vessels?
8. What do you think is the root of contempt? How can we cultivate healthy soil (soft, humble hearts) to receive God's word as ministers to one another in the Body of Christ?

WITNESS

The world is watching. Let our love be genuine and let us love one another to show the world that we are truly Jesus' disciples. How can you radically care and love for a brother or sister in Christ this week as a witness to others around you?

CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.