



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS // LUKE 4:14-30

1. Share a story about a time when you saw “God at Work” in your life or in the life of someone else. What are some of the commonalities of the stories?
2. Luke 4:14-15 says Jesus performed his ministry in the power of the Spirit. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life. What questions do you have? What point is Luke trying to make?
3. Luke 4:16 says Jesus *customarily* went to the synagogue. Attending worship regularly was a core value in his life. Why is regular attendance at a church gathering so important? In your life, what keeps you from being consistent? What would promote consistency?
4. Jesus was a spirit-filled preacher. God uses preaching still today. How does the Holy Spirit use sermons to accomplish the mission of Jesus to make disciples here and around the world?
5. Jesus essentially preaches that he has come to bring salvation to those who know they need it. He mentions four categories: the poor, the prisoner, the blind and the oppressed. These are physical descriptors with spiritual parallels. Discuss the spiritual parallels.
6. Think about each description used by Jesus and how His salvation uniquely applies to each situation. Why must one understand and embrace their own spiritual poverty, slavery, blindness and oppression before they’re able to experience the freedom and forgiveness that’s in Christ?
7. Think about your life before you became a Christian. How did each of these words describe your condition outside of Christ? If you’re not a believer, do any of these words resonate with you?
8. Not all people are willing to admit they’re in need of salvation. That’s the case with the Jews who run Jesus out of the synagogue. Why do you think they do that? How are people still doing that today and what are their motivations? How do we still do this today as believers?
9. Jesus gives three examples from the Old Testament: Elijah (1 Kings 17) and Elisha (2 Kings 5). What are these stories meant to communicate? Why do the people respond as they do? What does that teach us about ourselves and our own response to the Lord?
10. In light of today’s message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take so that you effectively apply the Word of God to your life? How can we help? How can we pray for you?