

HCC's 5 Core Values:

- **Missional:** We believe that people's eternity is on the line! We desire to take Jesus' Great Commission seriously and join Him in what He's already doing to reach the lost, both locally and globally. The message of the Gospel needs to be crystal clear and we need to be growing in our ability to articulate it well.
- **Prayer dependent:** We believe that God desires that we prayerfully depend on Him in all things. Ministry accomplished in our own strength is counterfeit and worthless.
- **Authority of God's Word/expository teaching:** We believe God's Word is the final authority. It doesn't contain truth, it is the truth. We default to teaching verse-by-verse, with some exceptions to cover certain topics when necessary. We subscribe to a literal-grammatical interpretation of the Scriptures.
- **Authentic relationships/fellowship:** We believe our authentic love for each other will show others that we are true disciples of Christ. We value being "real" and fight against fake. We strive to be a group of believers that will be friendly to everyone who attends HCC.
- **Surrendered life:** We believe the response of the believer to God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness is to pursue a surrendered life which is evidenced by an ever-deepening relationship with God and a Spirit-led life.

1. Intro

- In the text today, Luke writes about Jesus' visit to His hometown of Nazareth.
- We'll see that the people there did not believe Jesus was the Messiah, and they weren't able to receive the spiritual blessings that He came to give.

2. Text: Luke 4:14-30**Luke 4:14-15**

- **Reports** about Jesus spread quickly through the whole region of Galilee.
 - John 1:19-4:54 tells of perhaps 6 months of Jesus' ministry between Luke 4:13 and Luke 4:14.
 - Jesus turned water to wine in Cana
 - Jesus performed miraculous signs in Jerusalem at Passover
 - Jesus was in Cana and healed a man's son who was in Capernaum
- Jesus was "Filled with the Holy Spirit's **power**".

- If we submit or surrender to the Spirit's leading, He will give us the strength to do everything He leads us to do.

Luke 4:16-22

- Jesus read a prophesy about the **Messiah** from the scroll of Isaiah (Isaiah 61) and claimed to be the **fulfillment** of that prophesy.
- This prophesy has a part 1 and part 2. But the people in Nazareth only understood Part 2.
 - Part 1 of the prophesy is the **SPIRiTual restoration of Israelites and all people** that the Messiah would come to bring.
 - Part 2 is the **physical restoration of Israel** that the Messiah would come to bring.
- The people of Nazareth didn't **believe** Jesus' claim that He was the Messiah; after all, he was merely the hometown son of Joseph!

Luke 4:23-30

- Jesus recounted 2 Old Testament stories where Israelites **rejected** the words of God's prophets just like the people of Nazareth were **rejecting** Jesus.
 - The first story Jesus cited is from 1 Kings 17:1-16 and the second from 2 Kings 5:1-19.
 - In both of Jesus' examples, God fed & healed - not Israelites - but 2 "despised" Gentiles who believed His message through His prophets Elijah and Elisha.
- The people in Nazareth were **furious** and determined Jesus' claim to be the Messiah made Him a false prophet; and therefore, He needed to be **killed**.

3. Application

- Thank God that our spirit has been eternally restored by Jesus the Messiah!
 - We were spiritually poor, but Jesus brought Good News of salvation and has blessed us with EVERY spiritual blessing! (Ephesians 1:3-14)
 - We were captives of death, but He released us!
 - We were oppressed by sin, but He has set us free!
 - **Ephesians 2:1-6**