

Luke: The Inside Out Gospel

Week 2:
Luke 4:14-30

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED: How would describe the purpose of the ministry of Jesus Christ to a friend who knew very little about Christianity? In other words, as we begin this study of the Gospel of Luke, what do you think were (and still are) Christ's goals, purposes or mission?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Together, read Luke 4:14-30

1. When Jesus makes his claim (v.21), what various thoughts and emotions might have rushed over the listeners?
2. What was the secondary reaction toward Jesus? What caused this change of emotions?
3. In verses 18 and 19, Jesus quotes a prophecy from Isaiah 61. In verse 21 he then says that he has fulfilled the Isaiah prophecy. What does this tell us about Jesus Christ?
4. What 4 groups did Jesus come to serve? What do all these groups have in common?
5. Did Jesus come only for these 4 groups of people? How can a person be rich and yet poor?
6. Which aspects of Christ's work outlined in 4:18-19 do you think Christians today are strong in carrying on? In which aspects are they weak?

LIVING OUT "REAL LIFE"

1. Steve said in his message that that we have a two-legged gospel—the ministry of proclamation (evangelism) and the ministry of social justice. Is our church balanced in these 2 legs of the gospel? In which of these 2 ministries do we need to grow? In which of these two ministries do you need to grow?

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God's grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another's needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.