



THE MISSION & MINISTRY OF JESUS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


LUKE 4:14-44

- 1 **Jesus came and proclaimed the year of Jubilee.** According to Lev. 25:10-13, 28, 40-41, it involved a year of release from debts and freedom all types of bondage. Read Isaiah 61:1-3.

 *Think of the spiritual implications in your life of Jesus' inauguration of "the year of the Lord's favor." How has God freed or healed you? What debts has He forgiven in your life? How has He restored what was once lost in your situation?*


- 2 **Jesus came to show grace to those who acknowledged their need of Him.** See Luke 5:31-32 and Luke 19:5-10. How have you been most aware of your need for the good news that Jesus brings recently?

 *In what ways are people tempted to consider themselves entitled to Jesus' blessings today? What does it look like to presume upon God – coming to him based on your own merits instead of on the basis of his kindness?*


 *Jesus brought good news to the marginalized and oppressed, the needy and broken. Without answering specifically with your group, consider how the following questions convict your heart. "Would there be a type of person who is unwelcome at your table? Who do you treat as too messy and inconvenient to share the love of Christ with?"*

 *What can we do to be more gracious and extend the good news of God's favor to unlikely outcasts?*

3 **In Luke 4, Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.** He came to his own, but they didn't receive him. (John 1:11) How is that response of rejection surprising to you?

 *That rejection isn't isolated to the time of Jesus' first coming. What similar responses to Jesus do you see around you (or perhaps in your own heart) today?*

4 **What does Jesus' emphasis on the power of the word teach us about the importance of preaching and evangelism?**

 *What responsibility do Christians have in sharing the gospel and spreading Christ's words?*

 *How can people in your age and stage of life practically spread the word of the Kingdom?*

5 **Jesus came to proclaim release to those imprisoned to sin, hope to the oppressed, light to those in darkness, and provision for the destitute.** How can we continue Christ's ministry to the poor, needy, and marginalized people of this world?