

Takeaway:

1. God wants everyone in his _____.
2. Care for the poor and marginalized is a core _____ of the community of the Messiah

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Why is it so easy for people to intentionally or unintentionally exclude others? Who tends to get excluded in our society?
2. Why are some Christians so uncomfortable when we talk about Jesus' mission to the poor and marginalized or that he says he was sent to the "other?"

Read Luke 4:14-30

3. Summarize the point of Luke's story in one sentence.
4. Do you naturally lean more toward a focus on evangelism (sharing the good news) or justice (care for the poor)? Why? How might you strike the appropriate balance between the two?
5. What practical steps will you take to do so?

Coming Up:

Jan 17-23: Luke 5:27-32

Jan 24-30: Luke 6:17-26

Jan 31-Feb 6: Luke 6:37-45

Feb 7-13: Luke 8:1-15

Feb 14-20: Luke 8:40-56

Feb 21-27: Luke 9:18-26



THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO LUKE

The Mission of Jesus

God cares about people's _____ and _____ conditions.

But...

Our efforts to _____ the world will fall flat if we do not deal with _____ hearts.

Two Parallel Truths:

1. Jesus came to free us from our slavery to _____...
2. God has a special place in his heart for the _____.

Scripture: Luke 4:14-30

“Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the _____
_____.” (vs. 14)

- He was healing and casting out _____.

Isaiah	Jesus
1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.	18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,	
to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,	He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,
	to set the oppressed free, (Isaiah 58:6)
2 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor	19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.	

Isaiah 58 -- There is more to _____ than doing
religious things.

“To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (vs 19)

- The coming of Jesus is the ultimate _____!

Jesus’ ministry was focused on _____ people from
captivity.

The “_____” in the Bible is not just a financial term.

- They are the _____, uninvited, and those deemed
_____ in respectable circles.

Invitations Need a Response

1. To _____ Jesus...
2. To _____ our sins...
3. On a foundation of _____.

The temptation of the “rich” is to act as though we _____
God’s grace and love.

The temptation of the poor and marginalized is to believe either
that _____ would never want someone like them or even if
God accepts them, the _____ will not.

The Community of the Messiah (Church) is faithful to the Gospel of
Jesus insofar as

- We are proclaiming the power of _____ over sin,
Satan, and evil. (and)
- That we are a place where people who are poor, dispossessed
and uninvited can feel like they’re part of the _____.