

APPLY

- How do you think Jesus would have felt leading up to this moment where he ‘goes public,’ declaring his calling before family and friends, identifying himself as God’s promised messiah? How would you have felt?
- When you think of the word ‘salvation’, what comes to mind? What does salvation entail?
- Briefly explain what each of these areas mean from Luke 4:18-19:
 - “Jesus was anointed by the Spirit”
 - “The poor”
 - “The captives”
 - “The blind”
 - “The oppressed”
 - “The year of the Lord’s favour”
- How have you taken up this mission in your own life? If you haven’t, how could you begin?

DISCUSSION CLOSE/HOMEWORK

- How important was it for Jesus to go through his temptation test in order to prepare him for his ministry?
- Do you see this being true in your own life? Can you identify times where you have gone through a temptation test and come through and God used it?
- Spend some time this week meditating on Luke 4:18-19, asking the Holy Spirit to fill you with fresh passion, purpose, and power to fulfill his call to serve him by ministering to others.

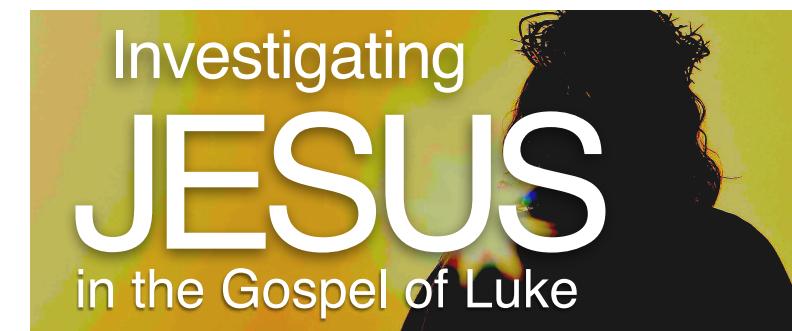
GROUP PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for the ‘one another’ commands of scripture to grow in our body and in your own walk with God and others.



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Week 6: Jesus Drops the Mic

Key Text: Luke 4:14-22

OPEN

James R. Edwards writes, “The most frequent way in which divine revelation is expressed in Scripture is not in visions or wondrous works but in prophetic proclamation of the word of God. Luke begins the public ministry of Jesus with such a proclamation....”. Jesus has just emerged from the wilderness where he was tested with temptation by Satan. Now, Jesus is ready to begin his earthly ministry. In his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus takes the ‘mic’ through the reading of scripture in the synagogue before family and friends, reading from Isaiah 61. All eyes are firmly fixed on Jesus as he declares Isaiah’s words of the Spirit’s anointing to save being now fulfilled in him. After reading, Jesus drops the mic!

REFLECT

- Where did Jesus go and what did he do immediately after his testing in the wilderness? How did people respond?
- What is the significance of Jesus beginning his ministry in his hometown? Why start there?
- Jesus reads from Isaiah 61:1-2 (Luke 4:18-19) and unequivocally states that he fulfills these verses. List all of the things that these verses say about Jesus.
- In the original context of Isaiah 61, why would these verses have given hope to the Babylonian captives?