

Lesson Aim: Understanding how critical an appropriate response to Jesus Christ is to our future and spiritual well-being.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

Icebreaker: What do you like best about the town you grew up in?

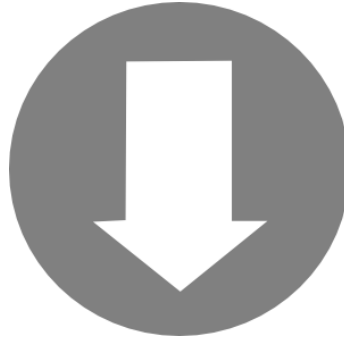
1. Who did the people in the synagogue of Nazareth think Jesus was? Who did Jesus say that He was?
2. How was Jesus' identity revealed in chapters 1-3 of the Gospel of Luke?
3. Why do you think that Jesus did not perform a miracle that day in the synagogue?
4. Share an experience in your life when you were rejected for your faith or perhaps when those who have known you since you were a child had trouble seeing who you are today.
5. What is the world's way of dealing with rejection?
6. Read Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 12:14; 1 Corinthians 4:12. What do these verses exhort Christ-followers to do when they experience persecution and rejection?
7. Read Luke 4:18-19 and Isaiah 61:1-2. Review and reflect for a moment on the five key points of Jesus' mission. Share how you have experienced one of these actions by Jesus in your own life.
8. A lot of pressure was put on Jesus that day in the synagogue. How do you deal with the pressure of others' expectations of you?
9. How can 1 Thessalonians 2:4 and Galatians 1:10 help us in knowing how to respond to the pressure of others?
10. It was Jesus' desire that those in the synagogue believe and place their trust in Him because of who He said He was. If you have already placed your faith in Jesus, what is He calling you to do in response to this week's message?
11. If you have not placed your faith in Jesus, how can those in your group help you take that step?

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

Luke 4:14 - 30

CONTEXT – FROM BIG TO SMALL

- ① _____
- ② _____
- ③ _____
- ④ _____
- ⑤ Local _____



SHORT, BUT POWERFUL, SERMON (Luke 4:14-21; Isaiah 61:1-2)

- ① Preach Good News to the _____
- ② Proclaim freedom for _____
- ③ Give recovery of sight to the _____
- ④ Provide relief to the _____
- ⑤ Proclaim the year of the _____

YEAR OF JUBILEE (Leviticus 25)

- ▶ Main Purpose - _____ of the _____ system
 - Slaves _____
 - Property _____
 - Debts _____

RESPONSE #1 – _____ (Luke 4:22a)

RESPONSE #2 – _____ (Luke 4:22b-24)

PRINCIPLE #1: _____.

PRINCIPLE #2: Miracles do not _____; they _____.

PRINCIPLE #3: People _____ truth when it _____ them, but _____ truth when it _____ them.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD... (Luke 4:25-27)

- ① Elijah and the Phoenician widow (1 Kings 17:7-16)
- ② Elisha and the Syrian general (2 Kings 5:1-14)

RESPONSE #3 – _____ & _____ (Luke 4:28-30)

RESPONSE #4 – _____ ?