



“Good News to the Poor”

Luke 4:14-30

The Gospel of Luke: *Meeting Our Savior*

Warm-Up Question:

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I. NEWS: WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?

- ▶ Jesus read a passage from Isaiah, which was written over 700 years earlier. What picture does it paint of the Messiah that was to come?
- ▶ What is the “good news” he would proclaim to the poor?
- ▶ What is Jesus really saying in v. 21? How did they respond, and why do you think they responded this way? (Think of their expectations for the Messiah)

II. NEWS: WHO IS THE NEWS FOR?

- ▶ Jesus tells two stories of good news coming to two different people in the OT. What are the similarities of those two stories? What is Jesus trying to communicate about who the good news is for and who he came to save?
- ▶ Why would those stories have made them mad enough to kill Jesus? Read the quote in the sidebar & discuss why it might make some religious mad today.
- ▶ Is there a person or are there a type of people you believe don't deserve the kindness of God? Who are you tempted to say, “At least I'm not like _____”? (Any one/people who you'd be frustrated if the Lord really started blessing?)

III. NEWS: HOW DO YOU RECEIVE THE GOOD NEWS?

- ▶ Jesus tells the story in v. 27 of a little Jewish girl who was a slave in a foreign land saving her captor. Discuss the parallels in how the good news came to us.
- ▶ Naaman had to humble himself and admit his unimportance to be cleaned. Read Phil. 2:5-8 and discuss how such a truth should lead to Phil. 2:3?
- ▶ What's one way you'd like to grow in humility or your love for those you look down on?

When a Christian sees prostitutes, alcoholics, prisoners, drug addicts, homosexuals, or the homeless he knows he is looking in the mirror. Perhaps the Christian spent all of his years as a respectable middle class person. No matter. He thinks, "Spiritually I was just like these people, though physically and socially I never was where they are now. They are outcasts. I was an outcast."
- Tim Keller

Question(s) for Prayer Time:

- Is there any particular hard relationship you'd like to pray for?
- Is there anyone you'd like God's help to love better?



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