

NS LIFE GROUPS

Free Indeed! (Standalone)

Luke 4:14-21

July 7, 2019

Main Idea: In Jesus' first sermon, he read a passage from Isaiah that summarized what his ministry is all about.

Icebreaker: What did you do to celebrate the Fourth of July?

Study:

Jesus preached his first sermon in a synagogue by reading a prophecy from the book of Isaiah and claiming that he and his ministry was the fulfillment of that prophecy.

Five Specific Things That Describe Jesus' Ministry to People:

- 1. Good News to the Poor. (v. 18)** This is not necessarily referring just to the financially poor but also to those who are "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3).
 - What does it mean for someone to be "poor in spirit"? (*Someone who realizes their desperate spiritual need for Jesus.*)
- 2. Freedom for the Prisoners. (v. 18)**
 - What are some examples of sins and difficulties that can become spiritual prisons that trap and enslave us? (*Addiction to pornography or a substance, shame, fear, family difficulties, relational conflict, etc.*)
- 3. Recovery of sight for the blind. (v. 18)**
 - What does it mean for someone to be spiritually blind? (*They don't see the beauty and goodness of Jesus and the gospel. They don't understand their sin and his mercy and grace. They don't believe the truth of who Jesus is, etc.*)
- 4. Set the oppressed free. (v. 18)**
 - In what ways can people be oppressed that Jesus can set them free from? (*Example: Someone in a dark, difficult situation and now they have hope and deliverance because of Jesus.*)
- 5. The year of the Lord's favor. (v. 19)**
 - How is God's favor connected to his presence with us?

Application:

- 1. Out of these five descriptions of how Jesus ministers to people and changes lives, talk about your experience of how Jesus has done one of these things in your life.**
- 2. Which of these five descriptions of Jesus' ministry are you praying for someone in your life?**
- 3. What from this lesson was the most significant or impactful truth for you?**
- 4. What step of obedience do you need to take after this lesson?**

Close your group time with prayer.