

Spiritual Road Blocks

Wednesday

Read Luke 4:17b-19 *Jesus reads in the synagogue*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is the good news Jesus is offering? Who are the people Jesus is talking about?*
2. *What good news do you need to hear today? What good news do you have to share?*

Prayer Focus Redeemer, you read out the words of Isaiah, the prophet who pointed to a God who defends the defenseless. Help us to hear the the prophecy again, with your eyes and your heart.

Thursday

Read Luke 4:20 *Jesus' listeners wait for his word*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What do you think the people were expecting Jesus to tell them?*
2. *What were they hoping he might say to them?*

Prayer Focus Thank you for giving all, Savior. We wait, listening, expecting that your word will come to us and bless us once again.

Friday

Read Luke 4:21 *Jesus proclaims his mission*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What was the fulfillment of the scripture that Jesus read and the people heard?*
2. *What might that fulfillment look like in our lives? In our world?*

Prayer Focus We have heard, Beloved. You made it possible for us to see that our fears and weakness can end with you. We are healed, inspired, freed, and anointed by you to proclaim and fulfill your mission to our world.

Pastor's message: Luke 4:14-21
Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What did you like most about the town/place where you grew up? Do you feel the same today?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Luke 4:14-21**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



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Monday

Read Luke 4:14-15 *Jesus begins his ministry*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What things do you think people were saying about Jesus?*
2. *Is it important to know Jesus was filled with the Spirit? Why?*

Prayer Focus Teacher, you rose up from the waters of your baptism ready to go, the Holy Spirit sending you and inspiring your words. Help us to listen again to what you have to say, ready to respond according to your spirit in us.

Tuesday

Read Luke 4:16-17a *Jesus goes home*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Read Isaiah 61:1-2. Why do you think this passage was handed to Jesus?*
2. *What might Jesus have been expecting from his hometown crowd? What did they expect from him?*

Prayer Focus You were handed a scroll with one of the most familiar and comforting passages in Scripture, and you read it out to all those familiar faces. You made it new. You made it yours. Thank you for the blessing of new hope in an old prophecy—for making it live again.