



PART 11 • WELCOME HOME? • LUKE 4:16-30

It's one year into Jesus' amazing ministry, healing the sick, turning water into wine and preaching throughout many synagogues. Finally, he gets the call to come home to Nazareth where he grew and preach in his home synagogue. He's the Hometown Hero until they hear his message...

MESSAGE RESPONSE

1. Ask the group to debrief for those who missed the sermon on Sunday.
2. What stood out as new or fresh this time through?
3. What questions did these verses raise?
4. What helped you know or love Jesus more?
5. What truth could you share with someone else?

GOING DEEPER

- 1) We are all prone to disappointment and feelings of rejection, and that is especially true in the aftermath of broken relationships. What are some of the ways or situations in which you have experienced rejection? How did you deal with this rejection? How did you heal from rejection?
- 2) After rereading 4:16-30 imagine yourself as a fly on the wall watching this exchange. What most surprises you about the events? What stands out about Jesus? What stands about the crowd? How might we see similar reactions in the church today?
- 3) Jesus points out that the great prophet Elijah was sent to help a widow, but not any Jewish widows, and another great prophet Elisha healed one solitary leper who was the commander of the enemy army. Why did all this make the crowds so upset that they turn from celebration to mob violence?
- 4) Jesus came to rescue you personally from poverty, blindness, captivity and oppression. Can you see the ways in which Jesus came to set you free personally? How has this looked in your life personally? In what areas of your life do you need more help to be truly free?
- 5) Read Ephesians 1:3-14 & 2:8-9—We heard in the message that Jesus was *rejected* so that we might be *accepted*. In what ways do you see God's full *acceptance* of you from these verses?
- 6) Are there people within the reach of your small group who need one or more of the blessings described in verses 4:18-19? If so, as Jesus' hands and feet today are you ready to earnestly pray about touching their lives in intentional and practical ways? Without naming someone specifically how would you apply one or more of these blessings to their situation and life? Pray together for the Lord's leading and the wisdom for those you are thinking about.

Key Scripture references from this week's message

Luke 4:16-30, Isaiah 61:1-2, 58:6, 1 Kings 17:8-16, 2 Kings 5:8-14