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THEME: GOD'S HEART FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE: LUKE CH 4 vs 14-30

#### LAUNCH

When was the last time you felt moved by the circumstances of someone who was going through a particularly hard time? What was it about the situation that affected your emotions? Did you have an opportunity to do anything about it?

#### DISCOVERY

In what ways does Jesus fulfil the prophecies in Isaiah 61. Or put another way, how does he provide: 'good news to the poor', 'freedom to the prisoners', 'sight to the blind' and 'freedom to the oppressed'?

Which of these four promises appeals to you and why?

Jesus seemed to start off well but by the end of the scripture had managed to stir up a significant lynching party against him. How did he manage to achieve this and why do you think he did it in the first place?

'The gospel if properly communicated has to cause offence'. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

#### UNDERSTANDING

Jesus was in the 'custom' or 'habit' of going to the synagogue on a regular basis. Should we be in the habit of going to home group or church on a regular basis and if so why? Do you know of any other scriptures that support this standpoint?

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me'. How do we go about promoting the Spirit of the Lord to be upon us? What do you think the anointing of the Spirit achieves?

In what sort of areas of the Christian life would you like to see more anointing personally? Pray for one another that God brings this about.

The Isaiah 61 quote vs 18-19 could be applied in a gospel or social justice framework. What are the dangers of applying it in just one or the other and how should it be applied in both.

What is the problem of the gospel without social care and social care without the gospel?

'A prophet is not accepted in his home town' In what ways can this same principle be applied to people accepting Jesus nowadays?

#### APPLICATION

Is God calling you to reach out to a particular group with both love/care and the gospel message? Share where God is leading you and pray for one another that you will each fulfil your calling.

*Some questions sourced from ChristChurchW4 study on the same passage*