early ministry



Thad Huff | THE DAY JESUS WENT ON HIS WAY | 4.27.2014

Luke 4:14-30 (NIV84)

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷ The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

Because he has anointed me

To preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

And recovery of sight for the blind.

To release the oppressed.

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹ and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.

"Isn't this Joseph's son?" They asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!

Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' "

²⁴ "I tell you the truth." he continued. "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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Additional Passages Read Today:

Psalm 1:1-3; Philippians 1:15-18





GROUP OUTLINE | WEEK OF 4.27.14

- 1. Share how you first came to church...did you get reminded of your past? Did you feel like you belonged before you had to behave?
- 2. Why is it important to know the context of the scriptures we read?
- 3. What does it mean to walk in the power of the Spirit?
- 4. Why do you think Luke emphasized the power of the Spirit so much?
- 5. How often do you engage in the practice of reading your bible?
- What are some real time examples of the ministry described in Luke 4:18 & 19?
- 7. What are the main roles in this story, and who do you most identify with?
- 8. Why is it important that we accept those who have a past within the church? How might this change the perception of hate and judgmental practice of the Christian faith?
- 9. What can we do to be on mission with Jesus, fulfilling his instructions here in Luke 4?