

FOR ALL THE POOR AND POWERLESS

Luke 4:14-30

Key Verse: 18-19

Discussion questions:

- How is Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled to you by Jesus?
- How does pride hinder us from receiving God's favor?

Inductive study questions:

1. Where did Jesus return to (14a,16a, 23)? What guided and empowered Jesus' ministry (14a, 18a)? How did people respond to Jesus' teaching (15)? What does "as was his custom" imply (16)?
2. What passage did Jesus read in the synagogue? How did this passage from Isaiah plant hope in the Babylonian captives? (Isa 61:1-2a) How does this scripture also introduce Jesus the Messiah and his ministry?
3. What is the good news for the poor, the prisoners, the blind, and the oppressed (Jn 9:3, 39; Jn 8:34,36; Heb 2:14-15)? What is "the year of the Lord's favor" (Lev 25:8-12,17)? How does the good news renew people personally and a society?
4. How did they respond (22)? What did Jesus see behind their question (23-24)? What was the point of Jesus' challenge to them based on what God had done through Elijah and Elisha (25-27)? Why was their response so extreme (28-30)? What should they have done instead of being so furious (Lk 3:7-10)?