

LIFEGROUP STUDY

KINGDOM VICTORY—PRESS START

WARMING UP

What things or projects do you tend to start and never get round to finish?
Or, what are some New Years Resolutions you have set for this year?

INTO THE PASSAGE

READ LUKE 4:14-21

1. It was part of Jesus' custom to go to synagogue. What customs have you found yourself or those of us in today's church life that we have all adapted as part of our culture?
2. What is the significance of Jesus reading from Isaiah 61:1-2 and Isaiah 58:6?
3. Why did Jesus cut Isaiah 61:2 short and not address vengeance?
4. What does the year of the Lord's favour / year of Jubilee mean?

READ LUKE 4:22-30

5. What do we learn in this passage about those who heard Jesus say such things?
6. Why do you think they had such reactions?
7. They marvelled at the gracious things that came from his mouth—surely this is a positive reaction? why or why not?
8. Read 2 Chronicles 36:15-16, why do you think a prophet is not accepted in his hometown?
9. What was the point of Jesus using Elijah (1 Kings 17:8-16) and Elisha (2 Kings 5:1-14) as two prime examples of rebuttal towards his audience at the synagogue?
10. What elements of Jesus' response here can we draw and apply to us as readers today?

MOVING FORWARD

10. In what areas of life can people be "poor" and require good news?
11. What things in life tend to keep people captive?
12. What role does the Spirit have on Jesus' ministry and in our lives today?
13. What is your prayer and/or manifesto for 2020?

ADDITIONAL SHARING (OPTIONAL)

12. *What things in your life do you feel have held you captive preventing you from walking freely in Christ?*
13. *Which areas do you find yourself blind in that you need new sight for?*
14. *What things have you been putting off and want to start this new year right by asking God's Spirit to help you in?*

Spend some time as a group praying for God to help us as we deal with anything that you feel has held you captive from Christ's freedom.

Also spend some time praying for one another concerning their prayer and/or manifesto for 2020.