

Small Group questions

Luke 4: 14-30

1) Explain in your own words what was so wonderful about Jesus' message in vv.18-19. In what sense was the quote from Isaiah "fulfilled" in the hearing of Jesus' audience?

2) What was the initial reaction of Jesus' listeners? Who did they think He was in v.22? What are some ways we misunderstand who Jesus is and what He came to do?

4) What did the Nazarenes want from Jesus to authenticate His message? (see v.23) Why would He not accommodate them? See Matt.13:53-58. Are there things we expect Jesus to do for us instead of trusting Him? Why may this expectation be misguided?

5) Why were the Jews so offended by Jesus' reference to the stories of Elijah and Elisha?

6) How is the idea of God's grace for all people, (even those we disagree with or those who attack us) a challenge to us as it was to the people of Nazareth? What people, or group of people, are you at times tempted to think should be excluded from God's grace?

7) Discuss with your group ways we can be part of the fulfillment of Jesus' words in Vv. 18-19