



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “The [Un]Kingdom” Complement to sermon on 3/17/2019 – “Unfinished”**

### **ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Share a time when somebody really surprised you
2. Do you like being surprised? Why or why not?

### **MEMORIZE – Luke 4:18**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor

### **READ – Read Luke 4: 16-30**

#### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Luke 4 is loaded with Old Testament narratives. In order to fully understand Luke 4, we are going to take time to go back to the Old Testament narratives
  - a. Jesus references the Year of the Lord’s favor. Read Leviticus 25: 8-55
    - i. What is to happen in the year of Jubilee? (hint: there are at least 5 things)
    - ii. When Jesus spoke about this, the people “spoke well of him” (v22). Why would they speak well of him at this point?
  - b. In Luke 4: 18-19, Jesus reads out of Isaiah. Turn to and read Isaiah 61: 1-4
    - i. Compare/contrast what Jesus reads in Luke 4 with what is written in Isaiah 61
    - ii. Jesus stops reading in the middle of a sentence. By doing this, he turns a comma into a period. What is the significance of this? What does this tell you about his ministry?
    - iii. If we are sent out in His name, what does this tell us about our ministry?
  - c. To find out about the widow of Zarephath read 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 17: 1-16
    - i. What is the event that is crippling the world during these verses?
    - ii. Where does God send Elijah? Who does he meet? What happens?
    - iii. Why are the people in Luke 4 so upset that Jesus mentions this?
  - d. To find out about Naaman, read 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5: 1-14
    - i. Who were the Syrians? What was their relationship to Israel?
    - ii. Why is it so shocking that God would heal Naaman?
    - iii. Why would the people in Luke 4 be so upset that Jesus mentions this?

### **Experiential: Unfinished**

Jesus was on a mission and through it, he started a movement. This mission and movement is centered around the Year of the Lord's favor. Where in your life do you need to receive the freedom and forgiveness that comes with the Year of the Lord's favor? Identify 3 people with whom you can share the good news of the Lord's favor this week. But don't just tell them about it, share with how this truth has transformed you.

### **Testimony Time**

Share about a time that God showed up in an unexpected way.

### **SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)**

Build your Kingdom Here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcSWpVKKMcs>

A Mighty Fortress is our God – Mennonite Hymnal #325

### **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Father, your ways are not our ways and your thoughts are not our thoughts. But we ask that in your mercy and grace and by the power of you Holy Spirit, align our ways to your ways and our thoughts to your thoughts. Give us courage this week to share your unexpected grace, love and mercy as we go. Amen.