



WARMING UP...

1. Can you think of a time when you received great news, describe what that news was and how it made you feel?
2. Isaiah chapter 61 I have titled GREAT NEWS! Read Isaiah chapter 61 and make some comments on why you think this is great news?

GOING DEEPER...

In verse 1 we read, *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me...*

1. From this verse, can you see our Trinitarian God described? What did this mean for the Israelites and us in receiving Isaiah 61?
2. Compare and Contrast Isaiah 61:1-3 with Luke 4:16-22? In what ways do you see Jesus fulfilling his mission statement?

From Isaiah 61 we worked through the following;

- JESUS FULFILS HIS MISSION TODAY
- CONNECT AND SERVE
- LOVE WHAT GOD LOVES
- RESPOND WITH WORSHIP

JESUS FULFILS HIS MISSION TODAY

3. Verse 3 tells us that the Messiah will turn ashes into beauty and mourning into the oil of joy. How has Jesus begun to do this in your life?

CONNECT AND SERVE

4. Read verses 4-7, these verses describes how Israel will serve when they come back from exile. What stands out to you in the nature of their service?
5. Jesus connected and serve how and where can we carry out the mission of Jesus today?

LOVE WHAT GOD LOVES

6. Read verses 8-9, why does loving mercy and acting justly matter in today world? Look closely at verse 9 in crafting your answer.

RESPOND WITH WORSHIP

7. Read verses 10-11, why is worshipping God our response to the mission of God? How does our worship of God motivate our desire connect and serve?

BRINGING IT HOME...

Personal: there is a desire for disciples of Jesus deep down to be used by God. Yet it would seem that for western Christians where really willing to do the work of sacrificial service so that we can be in a place to be used by God.

- 8. What steps would you need to take so that you can be in a place where God can use you?**