



LUKE'S GOSPEL WEEK 2 STUDY: THE AGE OF JUBILEE

WARMING UP...

1. Discuss with each other how you are truly feeling at this point of 2020. Is there a sense in which you want to fast-forward this year and start 2021 with some much needed hope?

DIVING IN...

READ LUKE 4:14-21

2. Having been baptised by John the Baptist, led into the wilderness to face the tempting of the Devil, Jesus is led by the power of the Spirit to Nazareth. Here he makes a Kingly proclamation from Isaiah 61. How significant do you think this proclamation is and how much do you think it defined Jesus' ministry?

3. The line “the year of the Lord’s favour” has direct links to Leviticus 25, which concerned the “Year of Jubilee” for the Jewish people. READ Leviticus 25:8-22.

What do you think it would look like to have the principles of Jubilee (i.e. liberty for slaves, restoration of land, cancellation of debts, harvest without work) all done in honour of God, in our world today?

4. By citing Isaiah 61 and the year of Jubilee in Leviticus, Jesus is announcing a perpetual age of Jubilee from the moment he spoke those words! Interestingly, he also separated the coupled line: to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favour | and the day of vengeance of our God. Scholars believe that by doing so, Jesus postponed God’s judgement and ushered in Jubilee for an age. What does this mean for our current world today, even the year 2020?
5. Jesus enacted Jubilee in his ministry, and calls us to do the same by the power of the Spirit. We see him enact freedom, restoration, harvesting sinners and absolute reliance on God. How can we, in our daily lives enact:
- freeing others from bondage
 - restoration (i.e. financial, physical healing)
 - harvesting people
 - reliance on and rest in God

BRINGING IT HOME...

6. Take some moments to consider Paul’s words about the current age we live in. Consider the grace of God, that we would be born into such a gracious time as this.

Col. 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

2Cor. 6:1 As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. ² For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”

I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.