



The Gospel of Luke – Baptism

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Key Verses: Luke 4:14-28

Summary

Israel had been waiting for someone to save them from years of exile, and occupation. Now for over 400 years it had seemed to them that God was silent. When Jesus entered the scene He was walking into this time. And when He spoke of the Kingdom of God, which was his central message, everyone had their own idea of what it meant.

This passage is showing one of those moments, Jesus read from Isaiah 61 while in the synagogue. This passage was a summary of what the Kingdom of God would be like when it broke into our world. And in that moment Jesus focused everything on himself. Saying that He was the fulfilment of the Kingdom promise, He is the one to bring it to earth. Then He showed us how to live the Kingdom life. Empowered by the Spirit of God, proclaiming good news to the poor, freedom, healing and the favour of God. It is up to us now to centre our lives on Jesus, and to position ourselves to receive the empowerment of the spirit so that we can join in the story of God and help administer this Kingdom.

Small Group Questions

- After you read this passage a few times, what things jump out to you? (Talk a bit about the things people notice)
- What was Jesus trying to communicate to His listeners? (That all of these things were fulfilled in Him. And that the message of the Kingdom was bigger than they thought, not just about overthrowing Romans, not just for Jews.)
- In what ways does Jesus summary of the Kingdom in Isaiah 61 challenge you?
- How do you need to be empowered to live out the kingdom life?

To ponder or pray about this week...

Practice asking God to point out in what ways and what parts of you do you need to centre on Jesus? And take time every day to ask the Holy Spirit to empower you and give you what you need to live out this Kingdom life talked about in Jesus' quoting of Isaiah.