

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### *Luke 4:16-30*

#### **Review**

- Describe a place or an event that you witnessed that you will probably remember for the rest of your life.
- “Sticks and Stones” is an old nursery rhyme. Do you think verbal abuse is on the increase in our society? In what way?
- According to a licensed psychologist and author, “rejection temporarily lowers our IQ”. Do you agree/disagree?
- Explain how long it took you to become a Christian. Why?

#### **Remind**

- Review the map provided, noting the locations of Nazareth and Capernaum – towns mentioned in this passage.
- What did Jesus usually do on the Sabbath day (v.16)?
- Compare v.18-19 with Isaiah 61:1-2. What wording has been changed slightly or omitted? Is this important?
- How does Jesus’ explain what He read (v.21)?
- Do the people respond positively or negatively (v.22)?
- What proverb does Jesus quote (v.23)?
- Which 2 prophets does Jesus use as illustrations (v.24-27)?  
What nationalities were the people the prophets helped?
- How did the Jews respond when Jesus included *Gentiles* as recipients of God’s blessings (v.28)?
- What miracle did Jesus perform on the brow of the hill (v.30)?

#### **Respond**

- Luke 4:18-19 is sometimes described as “Jesus’ Manifesto”. What other statements would you want to add in your Christian manifesto? Why?
- Jesus asked people to decide who He was. Where were the responses at Nazareth echoed in Jesus’ later ministry?
- How will you ask people today about Jesus’ identity?
- You could end by reading together Luke 4:21

## Luke 4:16-30 (NIVUK)

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to release the oppressed,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, <sup>21</sup> and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn't this Joseph's son?” they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

<sup>24</sup> “I tell you the truth,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his home town. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.”

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

<sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

