

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

