

Today:
January 25, 2015

Scripture Focus: Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free,
and that the time of the Lord's favor has come.”

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”

(Luke 4:14-21, New Living Translation)

Notes from Worship:

How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?

Questions for Discussion:

- For those synagogue listeners to Jesus, in what way was this text from Isaiah 61 “fulfilled in their hearing”?
- How could the hometown people's opinions of Jesus turn so quickly from favorable to unfavorable?
- Why did the townspeople become so furious with Jesus?

This Week: **January 26 - 31**

Scripture Readings:

Monday 1/26	Tuesday 1/27	Wednesday 1/28	Thursday 1/29	Friday 1/30	Saturday 1/31
Song of Sol. 5:2 – 8:14; Psalm 45	Proverbs 1-4	Proverbs 5-8	Proverbs 9-12	Proverbs 13- 16	Proverbs 17- 20

Questions for Reflection:

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

Monday

If you were to rewrite Song of Solomon 7 for someone you love, what would you say?

Tuesday

How would you describe “Lady Wisdom” today? Is she still crying out in public places (Proverbs 1:20-21)?

Wednesday

What is “the adulterous woman” in your life (see Proverbs 7:5)?
How does Wisdom call out to you (see Proverbs 8)?

Thursday

Would you rather go to Wisdom’s house or Folly’s house (Proverbs 9)? Why?

Friday

What repeated themes in these proverbs catch your attention (Proverbs 10-16)?
Why?

Saturday

If you were to write some key proverbs for your life, what would you write?

Taking Scripture to Heart:

As we go beyond Christmas and focus more on the life and teachings of Jesus, our memory text continues with **Hebrews 1:1-3a**. Let these verses dwell within you, to help you focus on Jesus Christ, the center of our faith.

Next Sunday: February 1, 2015

Theme: Jesus, the teacher

Scripture Focus: *Matthew 5-7*