

Living "Set Free"
Luke 4:14-44

We're in a sermon series called "I Wanna' Live for Jesus." The idea for the title comes from Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:15, "And he died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." The idea is that we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. Living for Jesus begins with being "set free" and living "set free" from anything that hinders our relationship with God. Looking at his ministry in Luke 4 will help us take steps in this direction.

1. Jesus, you _____.
(Luke 4:16-30; Isaiah 61:1-2; 58:6; Leviticus 25:8-17)

2. Jesus, I _____.
(Luke 4:14-15; 31-44)

Resource for Families

Every week your child receives a take home paper from her/his Sunday School class. I would highly suggest going through the “Daily Family Devotional Readings” and doing the “Family Fun Activities.” For a biblical foundation for our roles as parents, read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25.

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Let’s look at the geographical markers in Luke, see 4:14; 9:51; 13:22; 19:28. What do you learn about Jesus? What was he focused on? What principles do you learn that can be applied today?
- Let’s also look at the role of the Spirit in Luke 1-4, see Luke 1:15, 41, 67; 2:25-27; 3:16, 22; 4:1-2; 4:14, 18. What role does the Holy Spirit play? The Holy Spirit also has a major role in the book of Acts. Question: How does a Christian become filled by the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)? Hint: confession of sin, submission to the Lord (asking the Lord to control you), and internalizing the Word of God.
- Principle: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Wednesday-Thursday

- The people in the synagogue in Nazareth raised a questions, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” Using Luke 1-4, how would you answer that? Luke notes that Jesus was thought to be the son of Joseph (Luke 3:23). If he’s not Joseph’s son, whose son is he and how do you know that?
- Spend some time today with Luke 4:18-19 and focus on the theme of being “released.” Is there an area in your life that you need to experience this “release”? Example: the Pressure to perform or achieve; or, the pressure to conform to those around you. Ask God for help in this area. Be sure to connect with another individual that will walk you through this. AS you see progress, celebrate by sharing with someone else what God is doing.

Friday-Saturday

- Let’s look at some of the titles that the demons identify Jesus with: “the Holy One of God” (Luke 4:34; “the Son of God,” and the “the Messiah” (4:41). Using a Bible Dictionary or a good Study Bible, define what each title means. Why do you think that Jesus didn’t want them to speak?
- What do the “casting out of demons” and the “healing of diseases” portray? What do they tell us about the future kingdom? See Matthew 8:17 and the quote from Isaiah 53:4.
- We really see in Luke 4:31-44 that Jesus has authority over evil, the evil one, and demons. We are in the midst of a spiritual battle, let’s put on the “armor of God” (Ephesians 6:10-18) today and resist the “flaming arrows of the evil one.” Commit to pray with someone as you stand firm in the battle.