

SO WHAT? now WHAT?

“This is what it’s like.”

MAIN POINT

Jesus brings wholeness and freedom to people who are both literally and spiritually marginalized. As Jesus followers, we are asked to do the same.

READ LUKE 4:16-30

KEY POINTS:

- Jesus came for the sick, lost, and spiritually dead.
- Jesus was empowered by the Spirit in his calling.
- Our calling will not be successful without the power of the Spirit.
- Living for Jesus leads us to care for people who are literally marginalized and pushed aside, and others who we marginalize in our hearts.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT:

Who are the hardest people for you to get along with? Why is that?

When was a time when you felt you needed extra strength or the presence of God in a situation?

ENGAGE:

Jesus reads portions from the scroll of Isaiah (61:1-2, 58:6). Why might Jesus want to connect his ministry with the prophet's words?

Why is Jesus so concerned about people in the margins? What does that say about who God is?

The Jews initially "praised Jesus" (4:22) and said his words were "gracious." Why did they switch their tune? (see vv24-27).

Place yourself in this story. How do you think you would have reacted to Jesus words? Take an honest moment, and think if you would be like those who drove him out of the town.

APPLY:

What do you think it means to be "empowered/filled by the holy spirit"? How does this help us as Christians?

Who are the marginalized people in your life? How have you experienced people living blind, oppressed, or in captivity of sorts? Think both literally and spiritually.

In what circumstances do you personally marginalize others in your heart or mind?

How do you need the holy spirit and this community to help you bring freedom and love to the marginalized around you?