



# PREACHING CURRICULUM

## Give Something

### Luke 4:16-30

'... if you identify with Jesus, then you need to act like Jesus...'

## 1

### REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

What does Jesus' choice of Scripture reading in the synagogue tell us about His message (vs 21)?

What do the Old Testament stories within these verses (24-27) have in common? What effect does this understanding have on the Jews in the congregation?

How does the gospel free people both physically and spiritually? What is the difference between the freedom it offers for now, and the freedom it offers for the next life? (vs 18-19, 21).

## 2

### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Is Jesus' mission your mission? How are we to give of ourselves as He taught us to?

How is God accomplishing His will in and through your life?

Do you sometimes hold back the truth of the gospel? In what ways do you sometimes hold back the "year of the Lord's favour" as the Jews (the OT people of God) did?

What does the freedom of the gospel look like in your life? When you think of that blessing and privilege does it drive you to the giving love that Jesus demonstrated?

## 3

### APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How do we know that the gospel must be more than just words, but also deeds?

What are some of the indicators in our own lives that we are out of balance in our delivery of the gospel; words without deeds, or deeds without the truth of words?

How can we avoid pitfalls such as jealousy and self-righteousness such as we see in the text?

## 4

### COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

It is a sin to keep something that does not belong to you. The gospel is God's, it DOES NOT belong to the church. '...the biggest problem with evangelism is in here (we the church) ...'

What can you Give (deeds of the Gospel) this Christmas season?

