**The Year of the Lord’s Favour**

*Luke 4:16-30*

What things in our world are people enslaved to?

**Read** – Luke 4:16-22

Why are we told that Nazareth was “where he (Jesus) has been brought up” (v. 16)?

Jesus reads from Isaiah Isaiah 61:1-2.

On the basis of these examples, is this prophecy fufilled in physical or spiritual freedoms? Or both?

What’s so shocking about what Jesus says in verse twenty-one? What’s he claiming for himself?

The verses from Isaiah set out a manifesto for Jesus’ ministry. As we read the rest of the Gospel we find the ways that Jesus concretely acts out these things.

Can you give examples from Jesus’ ministry in which he does these things? (e.g., Jesus proclaims good news to the poor in 6:20.)

What is it that makes them unable to see Jesus for who he is?

What example does Jesus give in verses twenty-five to twenty-six (see 1 Kings 17:7-16)?

Why does Jesus give the widow of Zarapheth (in Poenecia) as an example?

What example does Jesus give in verse twenty-seven (2 Kings 5)?

Why does Jesus give Naaman as an example?

Are there people we feel Jesus didn’t come for?

Why do these examples make the people angry (v. 26)?

Are people in England today tempted to reject Jesus for similar reasons? (i.e., his message is too radical, they’re overfamiliar with him)

Can you give examples?

How has Jesus freed you from spiritual chains?

Are there things you need to be freed from?

**Pray** – let’s pray for the year of the Lord’s favour to be clearly proclaimed through us.