

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## LOOK

When you pray, do you most naturally visualize/imagine/talk to God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit? Or all of them? Explain. (No right or wrong answers here!)

## BOOK

### Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the  
captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to

say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

1) We find this passage at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is essentially his ministry plan. What does he see as his mission? What is the good news?

2) Was Jesus speaking literally or figuratively? Who are the captives? Who are the blind? Who are the oppressed?

3) If Jesus is just beginning his ministry, how is this scripture fulfilled today?

4) Read the passage about the body of Christ found in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a. How does this passage inform us about our role in proclaiming the good news?

## TOOK

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus to someone unfamiliar with Christianity? What would you be eager to share? What might you be concerned about sharing?

How might you cultivate your relationship with Jesus? (Prayer, bible study, conversation with others, reading, to name a few).

Imagine bringing a situation which is troubling you into the presence of Jesus. How might his words in this gospel be spoken to you? What blindness is he waiting to lighten? What is he eager to release? What poverty is he ready to remedy?