## Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals

## "Good news for the marginalized - loving Jesus' mission" Luke 4: 14-44

### November 1-2, 2014

## For Starters

- 1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, caught you by surprise or raised questions?
- 2. Marc said, if we don't embrace Jesus' mission for all we aren't following his teaching at all! What do you think?

# Digging In

## Read Luke 4:14-44

- 1. Jesus returns "in the power of the Spirit" (v14). What do you think that means from the passage?
- 2. Jesus was "led" by the Spirit. How can we be led by the Spirit? Read Galatians 5:16-25.
- 3. Jesus is reading Isaiah 61:1-2 (and part of Isaiah 58:6). Why do you think he choose this section of scripture?
- 4. Read Is 58: 6-11 for more on how true religion is lived out in relation to the vulnerable.
- 5. What do you notice about "whom" Jesus has come to proclaim good news? What surprises you about his intended audience?
- 6. What was the reason for the people's anger in verse 28?
- 7. What is/are the differences between Jesus reception in Nazareth and Capernaum? Why did one group want to kill him and the other didn't want him to leave?
- 8. What is the connection between Jesus' message (v 43) and His miracles? What about miracles connects to Jesus proclaiming good news about His Kingdom?
- 9. How does v 43 connect to Mt 29:19-20 or Acts 1:8?

# **Bringing It Home**

- 1. How does a church that loves Jesus' teaching become a church that hates Jesus' mission?
- 2. What group of people might you tend to think doesn't deserve God's kingdom?
- 3. Who are the vulnerable people in your life, in our city and what can you do as a group to bring the good news to bring release and relief? Check out doorcreekchurch.org/communitydevelopment/ for more ideas.

### **Digging Deeper**

Read Leviticus 25. How does this, the "year of jubilee" echo through Luke 4? Jesus was "led" by the Spirit. How can we be led by the Spirit? Read Galatians 5:16-25.

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Melanie at <u>myeazel@doorcreekchurch.org</u>.

Adopt-a-teacher tip of the week #3: Invite your teacher to join your life group for the evening! This is a great chance to learn more about your adopted teacher, their classroom and their life outside the classroom! It's also a great opportunity for your teacher to meet each person who's a part of the group. Haven't adopted a teacher yet? Contact Karrah for more information at <a href="mailto:kmesser@doorcreekchurch.org">kmesser@doorcreekchurch.org</a>