



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 18th June 2023



Luke 4:14-30 Purpose and Rejection

Warm Up

When you were growing up, did you live in the same town as anyone who later became famous? Who was it? Did you know them? What were they like? Was their fame expected or unexpected?

Background and context

This is the start of Jesus' public ministry, where He sets out His Messianic agenda by reading from the book of Isaiah. It is His vision statement, but it is not well received. Those He grew up with rejected Him.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ THE PASSAGE. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible Project type video that helps explain things.

1. In what way did Jesus show in His life that He was a man of the Spirit and of the Word?
2. Can you think of other stories in the gospels which demonstrated that Jesus was the *Anointed One* spoken of by the prophet Isaiah?
3. The people of Nazareth struggled to see that Jesus was more than a man – they couldn't see His divinity? Do you sometimes struggle to see Jesus divinity or His humanity? If yes, why? If no, help others in the group by sharing your understanding.
4. The people couldn't/wouldn't accept Jesus at the Christ/Messiah. Why? Why do people today still struggle to accept Jesus as the Messiah?
5. Why do you think that Jesus told these stories about Elijah and Elisha? What was He trying to tell the people?
6. The rejection of Jesus was predicted long before it took place (e.g. see Isaiah 53v2-5) How did God use the peoples rejection of Jesus for His ultimate salvation purpose?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



7. What 3 things could you take away from the events recorded that will develop your walk with Jesus?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.