

Adult Bible Study

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Opening Prayer

What did you like best about the town or city where you grew up?

Background: The scroll from which Jesus reads in this passage is from the prophet Isaiah, who lived roughly 700 years BC.

Luke 4:16-21

16 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, **17** and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: **18** "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, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." **20** 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. **21** Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Questions

1. What is the importance of Jesus reading Isaiah and his remark concerning it?
2. What reactions do you think he got from the congregation hearing His words?
3. Considering the passage from Isaiah, what is Jesus' five-fold mission?
4. How did Jesus fulfill his mission then? How about now?

Reflection

1. As part of the church, to which part of Jesus' mission do you give priority?
2. Which do you tend to neglect?
3. How will you increase your attention to Jesus' mission in the approaching new year?

Closing Prayer

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