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## Following the Fast

Luke 4:14-30

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

To the weak I became  
weak, to win the weak.

I have become all things  
to all people so that by  
all possible means I  
might save some.

1 Corinthians 9:22



Last week we talked about fasting and then as a church this past Saturday we fasted. We are asking that God will turn hearts in our nation back to Him and asking that He will give clear direction to our church about what we need to do to help people come to Him. This week we will look at a passage following Jesus' fast in the wilderness. Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness and then started His ministry. There are things that we can learn about how we should be doing ministry. Join us this week as we look at what is next and some fundamentals of how we share the gospel.

## Luke 4:14-30 NET

### The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry in Galilee

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the surrounding countryside. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by all.

### Rejection at Nazareth

<sup>16</sup> Now Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> ***"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and the regaining of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."***

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to tell them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled even as you heard it being read." <sup>22</sup> All were speaking well of him, and were amazed at the gracious words coming out of his mouth. They said, "Isn't this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, "No doubt you will quote to me the proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself!' and say, 'What we have heard that you did in Capernaum, do here in your hometown too.'" <sup>24</sup> And he added, "I tell you the truth, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But in truth I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's days, when the sky was shut up three and a half years, and there was a great famine over all the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to a woman who was a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, yet none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, forced him out of the town, and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. In verses 14-15 what did the people think of Jesus?

9. What authority lead Jesus to Galilee?

10. Was the passage that was read from Isaiah fulfilled? How?

11. Did Jesus make a clear claim to the people? What was it?

12. Why did the people try to kill Jesus? What is the significance of the two examples Jesus gives of people receiving blessing?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

13. What should we expect when we share about the Messiah? How does this passage give us insight to this question?

14. Who is able to receive the blessing of God? How does this text support your answer?  
(V.25-27)

15. Looking at this passage how should we handle it when people reject our message of the Gospel?

16. What is our job when it comes to people accepting the message of the Gospel?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*