

## **The Big Idea: The Spirit of God enables the people of God to share the message of God, with the world.**

### The Take-off:

Have you ever received a text message or an email, and while reading you realized you didn't understand what the sender was trying to say. Well as a High school senior, I experienced this very thing. The only difference was that the message was on the cover of my final yearbook. My parents had received a message from God that was spoken about my life. It said "Just watch what I'm gonna do – God." To me, I thought I knew exactly what that statement meant. I had spent my whole life playing basketball and though I would have potential for a career or an opportunity to play college basketball. When I had grabbed my yearbook and saw the message from God. I really thought wow we are on the same page. God is going to allow me to do some amazing work by playing basketball. Little did I understand, that was not the message that God had planned for me. In fact, I applied to 3 different colleges and prayed that God would make the decision easy on me. When I had received all the letters back from the schools I applied to, I found out I was rejected by all of them. When I thought back to the words God had spoken to my parents, I thought "how could this be?"

Much like myself, the Jews whom Jesus was speaking to in Luke 4: 14-30, had heard a message that they too did not appear to understand. They listened to a man, Jesus, who had grown up around them, speak a message of good news. Since the Jews were under Roman oppression, it is very likely that the message of hope, freedom, vision and opportunity was thought to be in a political sense. Little did they realize who Jesus was much less the ultimate goal of His mission. In fact when Jesus spoke, they were all curious as to how a carpenter, the supposed son of Joseph, could have such wisdom.

When we look at Jesus mission, verses 18-19 of Luke 4, we see the big idea was "the Spirit of God anointed Jesus to be the gospel to the world." Today, we are going to look at the Spirit of the Lord's anointing on Jesus. From the anointing of Jesus we are going to look at the Spirit enabling us, the people of God, to share the message of God to the world. From the enabling of the Spirit, we see that there are four truths from Luke 4: 14-30 that God has for us to share with the world. Let's read Luke 4: 14-30 and see what truths God has for us to share.

1. The Spirit of God enables us to share the message of Hope.
  - a. Luke 4: 18 says that Jesus was anointed to proclaim good news to the poor.
  - b. Jesus was not coming to just make a political stance and give to the poor physically.
    - i. Jesus came to give to the spiritually poor.
  - c. Since us as people are born sinners, we are spiritually dead from birth.
  - d. When we accept Christ as our Savior we are given power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of what Jesus has done in our lives.
  - e. Since the Spirit of the Lord had anointed Jesus to do His work He made it possible for us to experience community with God and receive eternal life.
  - f. This is the good news: We are forgiven of our sins by grace through faith, and given eternal life.
    - i. Eternal life- means that we no longer have to be punished for our sins
    - ii. We have hope of salvation rather than fear of eternal death.
2. The Spirit of God enables us to share the message of freedom.
  - a. No one in the world wants to be a captive.
  - b. Everyone who has once been held captive, whether with drugs or as a P.O.W, but most commonly to sin.
  - c. John 8: 34, is written about all that are in sin.
    - i. Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.
  - d. In Jesus obedience to God's plan and His mission, Christ made a way that we no longer would have to be slaves to sin.
  - e. Therefore, we can read Romans 8: 1-2 and understand how we are free and have been enabled to share the message of freedom with the world.
3. The Spirit of God enables us to share the message of vision.
  - a. Have you ever been blind? This is a funny question to ask especially if you're just reading the notes ☺
  - b. Some people go through Lasik eye surgery. From What I hear for a moment there is temporary blindness before you receive vision.

- c. It is from this, that I find it interesting that before we can see spiritually we were first blinded.
  - i. Jesus was in the process of sending Paul, to perform a spiritual Lasik operation. (Acts 26: 17-18)
- d. Before we are saved the things of Christ look foolish, for instance,
  - i. A dying savior
  - ii. A servant King
  - iii. A Resurrected healer.
- e. When we accept Jesus as our savior, our eyes are opened and we understand what the meaning of these things are.
- f. When we have vision for the eternal, the temporary begins to fade away.
- g. When we begin to focus on our eternal vision, we begin to share the message of our spiritual Lasik
- 4. The Spirit of God enables us to share the message of opportunity.
  - a. In the circumstances the world is in, would you consider this a time period of God's favor on the world?
  - b. Jesus spoke of the "year of the Lord's favor"
    - i. This is the time period between the first coming of Christ, His stent as the savior, and the second coming of Christ, His stent as the Judge.
  - c. This is a favorable time period because it is when God is allowing people to come into community with Him.
  - d. There is coming a time of judgment, but the right now we are in favorable times do to the grace and mercy of God.
  - e. When we understand that we, as Christians, are here to provide an opportunity for someone else to hear about Christ and what He has done, we understand that this message is an opportunity for life change.

### **The Landing**

To take you back, I was eventually called into the ministry. God had plans for me to share His message of Hope, Freedom, Vision, and Opportunity, so that others would receive Him. In this life, we encounter people every day, who need hope, freedom, vision and opportunity to come into community with Christ. So when that time comes, and the Spirit says "this is your opportunity to share Christ with the world." Do it. God has called us to share His message and through the anointing of Jesus Christ and His mission. We are enabled to share the message with others. Be encouraged by 2 Timothy 1: 7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."