

THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

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Year of the Lord's Favour | Luke 4:14-30

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we looked at what Jesus meant when he proclaimed the year of the Lord's favour as part of his bold claim to be the fulfilment of Israel's anticipation of a Messiah. We talked about what this year refers to, and how God's favour, then and now, brings both dignity and purpose to our humanity.

R E A D

Luke 4:14-30 | Isaiah 42:1-9

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

"By reversing the conditions of slavery and loss of land, Jubilee was designed to signify 'the return of cosmic order to Israel.'" – R.S. Kawashima

- 1) What things come to mind when you consider the year of Jubilee? What is appealing about this command? What feels uncomfortable?

"Favour is the tangible evidence of God's approval and blessing."

- 2) How is this definition different or similar to how you would describe favour? Why?
- 3) Read Exodus 34:6. What does it mean to you that God describes Himself in this way? What about that reality are you able to embrace and what is difficult?

- 4) Read Ephesians 2:15b-16. How does God's favour bring dignity to humanity?
- 5) Read Isaiah 42:1-9. How can embracing God's favour change the way you experience purpose?
- 6) In what ways do you find yourself needing the favour of God today?
- 7) How can we be the kind of empowered and anointed community that proclaims and demonstrates the favour of God to the world around us?

R E S P O N D

Through your discussion or what you heard on Sunday, what do you sense that Jesus is inviting you to do next? What conditions of slavery or oppression need to be reversed in your life? To whom is Spirit asking you to offer dignity and purpose?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Pray for eyes to see the dignity and purpose that is already yours to embrace. Pray for the strength and courage to live into the favour of God. Ask Jesus to show us how to be a Jubilee community.

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

