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Sermon Discussion Questions
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Luke 4: 14 - 30
Good News for the Poor
Dr. Clay Smith

Jesus announces freedom for the poor, captive, blind, and oppressed.

Where do you most feel your own need for that kind of rescue right now, either spiritually, emotionally, or practically? What keeps you from admitting that need to Christ or others?

The hometown crowd loved Jesus until His message challenged their assumptions.

Why do you think grace for “outsiders” made them angry, and what attitudes or biases might we carry that make it hard for us to celebrate God’s grace going to people we may count as outsiders?

Jesus’ salvation is bigger than forgiveness alone. It restores people and calls us to live differently now. What might it look like this week for you to participate in His kingdom work by caring for or walking alongside someone who is hurting or overlooked?

Religious insiders can hide behind appearances instead of honesty about sin.

In what ways are you tempted to “play church,” and what would it look like to practice real confession, openness, and dependence on grace within Christian community?