

## “The Son Who Gives Sight to the Blind”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leader:</b> Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or ending of the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scripture Memory</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can anyone recite <b>Deuteronomy 8:3</b> or any other Scriptures?</li> <li>• <b>Remember:</b> the goal isn't to memorize one verse a week, but to make Scripture memory a part of your daily life. Don't let this discourage you, but let any Scripture you memorize encourage you...and others!</li> </ul>	<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Isaiah 61:1-2</b> (have <b>Luke 4:18-19</b> also open)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What phrases does Jesus omit when reading these verses in Luke 4:18-19?</li> <li>• Why do you think He omits them?</li> <li>• What groups of people does Jesus say He came to “free”? Why these? What do all of these groups have in common?</li> </ul>
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke 4:14-30</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus was rejected as a “prophet in his hometown” in part because the people who knew Him as a child struggled to believe He was who He claimed to be.</li> <li>• Have you ever experienced rejection from friends or family for following Jesus?</li> <li>• How does it encourage you to know that Jesus experienced rejection too?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor Dave told the story about John Newton and his conversion to Christianity after being saved from a storm during his time as a slave ship captain.</li> <li>• At the core of his conversion, what was John Newton's realization? (consider the words of Amazing Grace).</li> <li>• Was there a moment in your life when you had a similar revelation? If so, what led to that realization for you?</li> <li>• John's conversion led him to fight for the dismantling of slave trade in England.</li> <li>• Are we called to fight against injustice in our society today because of our faith in Jesus? If so, how?</li> <li>• <b>Memorize:</b> Luke 4:18-19</li> </ul>