**​Are We Doing What Jesus Did?**

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Luke 4:1-44

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 “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 liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

(Luke 4:16-19, ESV)

**Introduction**

I titled this week’s teaching supplement with this question—“are we doing what Jesus did?”—because if we’re not, then what are we trying to be and do as Christians? From the gospels, it’s pretty obvious what Christ and the disciples did: they baptized and taught other disciples, cast out demons, healed the sick and occasionally even raised the dead. But if you have seriously considered their ministry, like me, I’m sure you’ve found yourself wondering how they became such effective witnesses to the power, love and faithfulness of God. As we read through the Gospel of Luke together, let’s be careful to not miss the details and clues that Luke found important to write down for our sake.

**1. The material and spiritual reality of our existence. (Luke 4:1-15)**

a) Christ was led by the Holy Spirit both into the wilderness and then to Galilee.

b) The nature of spiritual warfare, the power of the Word of God and your worldview.

**2. Jesus rejected at Nazareth (Luke 4:16-30)**

1. Christ in his hometown synagogue and what He left out from the Isaiah 61 passage.

 b) “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown” (Matthew 13:57; Mark 6:4, ESV).

**3. Christ’s pattern of ministry. (Luke 4:31-44)**

 a) Christ gave us the pattern for ministry through the Word and Spirit of God.

 b) “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8, ESV).

**Conclusion**

You have heard me talk about renewal, prayer, witness, submission and Sabbath, and how the effectiveness of our witness to the grace and truth of God is dependent upon our devotion to renewal, prayer, submission and rest (Sabbath). If we would really learn of Christ, we would learn much about the world we live in, about ourselves, and what it really means to believe, follow, serve and befriend God the Son, to be accepted in Him and to be empowered as He was by the Holy Spirit. But are we really willing to be and do as Jesus and His disciples loved and lived?

**For our prayerful study, discussion and application:**

1) Read Luke 4:1-15. What does Christ’s opening ministry experience show and tell you about discipleship?

2) Read Luke 4:16-30. What lessons can you learn from Christ’s rejection to apply in our own lives?

3) What are the Word and Spirit of God showing and telling you about worship, discipleship and witness this week?

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