



Finally Free

A Route 66 Pit Stop

Luke 4:14-21

Where we've been on Route 66 so far...

- Creation, Fall, Promise of future liberator
- Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph
- Exodus story and Moses as liberator
- Kingdom of Israel under Saul, David, and Solomon
- Divided kingdom of Israel (northern ten tribes) & Judah (southern two tribes)
- Assyrian captivity, longing for freedom
- Babylonian captivity, longing for freedom
- Persia allows some hope but Israel is still in bondage
- Greek empire oppresses Israel
- Roman empire oppresses Israel

Israel's story is a one of endless oppression, constant bondage & the elusive hope for a Liberator.

One day in Nazareth... Jesus in the Synagogue

Luke 4:18-19 (quoting from Isaiah 61:1-2 & Isaiah 58:6)

1. A picture of a future liberator.
 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me" reminds of Jesus baptism. (Luke 3:21-22)
 - "Anointed one" = Messiah or Christ (Luke 4:18a)
 - Everyone expected a conquering king but instead they get a humble carpenter.

2. A proclamation that freedom is finally here.

- good news to the poor & broken-hearted
- freedom for prisoners
- sight for the blind
- free the oppressed
- introduce the year of Jubilee

We can be finally free

In what way are you poor, imprisoned, blind, or oppressed?

In Jesus Christ we are finally free!

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of February 26-March 4, 2017

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Luke 4:16-30

Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for the Messiah who came to set people free. Ask Him to guide your discussion.

MY STORY

When you came to Christ, did you feel set free? If so, from what? Explain.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What from Sunday's message especially caught your attention?
2. In your own words define oppression. What is the difference between physical and spiritual oppression? Thinking back over the Route 66 series, how was the Jewish nation oppressed in the Old Testament, and how was sin connected to that oppression?
3. List some of the things today that oppress people or make them prisoners either physically or spiritually? Is sin connected with any of these?

Read Luke 4:14-30 and answer the following questions:

4. What was the five-fold mission Jesus revealed in verses 18-19? List each phrase that summarizes part of the mission and briefly describe it. How have you joined Jesus in one of these missions? Explain.
5. What was the people's initial response to what Jesus said in verses 18,19? See verse 22.

6. What claim was Jesus making in verse 21? How do we know this?
7. What did Jesus say in verses 23-27 that caused people's positive response in verse 22 to turn into an attempt to kill Him in verse 29? How did Jesus respond to their rejection, and what can we learn from this?
8. When you came to Christ and let it be known, how did your former non-Christian friends treat you? If they treated you badly, did you see their response as a form of oppression? Explain?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

9. Compare the bullet statements in **Isaiah 61:1,2** to what Jesus actually said in **Luke 4:18,19**. Are there any differences? If so, what are they, and how would you explain them?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Is there anything currently in your life that is oppressing you, holding you down, or making you feel like you are a prisoner? Explain. Is God leading you to do anything about it? If so, ask God to help you do it.
2. Which of the things that Jesus came to do in Luke 4:18,19 has He done for you?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and spend time asking God to help you live as a free person in Christ.