

***The Purpose***  
**Luke 4:14-21**

**Weekly Key Scripture:**

**Luke 4:14-21 The Message (MSG)**

14-15 Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places to everyone's acclaim and pleasure.

16-21 He came to Nazareth where he had been reared. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

God's Spirit is on me;

he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,

Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and

recovery of sight to the blind,

To set the burdened and battered free,

to announce, "This is God's year to act!"

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."

**Weekly purpose statement for leaders:**

Group members will learn more about their group and their fellow members and be challenged to think about how their group accomplishes the purpose of "freeing the prisoners" to the truth of the gospel.

**Ice Breaker Question:**

What's the best reaction I you've ever gotten to a gift? Share a time when a gift you gave changed a life.

**Transition:**

It is a key purpose of our groups to share the Gospel, the greatest gift of all time, use this ice breaker to transition your group to talking about the joy of giving good gifts and the necessity of making that a key value of our small groups.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss the next 3 years of small group growth and purpose
2. Jesus' Small group methods
  - List 5 ways you see Jesus building community with the disciples.
  - How does your small group live out these methods?
  - What could you do to grow closer to Jesus's methods?
3. Get to know your small group, its skills and needs.

- What is the key passion of each member?
- What does each member see as a key (spiritual) gift given them by God?
- What are your group members hobbies and interests?
- 4. How does your small group work to fulfill the purpose Jesus lays out in Luke 4:18-24?
  - How might you as a group start to see lives changed by your small group?
- 5. How are you individually, your small group, and Rabbit Creek Church engaged in seeing Scripture come true and the hand of God in action? (Luke 4:21)

### **Children's Study: Jesus is THE Messiah, the One foretold and promised from the Old Testament to bring freedom**

Luke 4:18-21 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me. He has anointed me to announce the good news to poor people. He has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners. He has sent me so that the blind will see again. He wants me to set free those who are treated badly. 19 And he has sent me to announce the year when he will set his people free." (Isaiah 61:1,2)

20 Then Jesus rolled up the scroll. He gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were staring at him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this passage of Scripture is coming true as you listen."

- **Song:** <https://youtu.be/Py7Z3G1zFd0> - older kids
  - <https://youtu.be/D9NsBLfDLuE> - preschool
- **Preschool Video:** song continued
- **Kid Video:** <https://youtu.be/O9TvOiqNqr4> 24min, video on Isaiah the prophet
- **Activity:** Tangled in Toilet Paper
  - Ask for a volunteer willing to get tangled up
  - Wrap them up - be sure to leave enough to wrap another couple of kids
  - Yell "Jesus makes me free!" while kiddo breaks free
- **Coloring Sheet:**  
[https://www.yescoloring.com/images/jesus\\_coloring\\_page\\_at\\_yescoloring.gif](https://www.yescoloring.com/images/jesus_coloring_page_at_yescoloring.gif)