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**GETTING FOCUSED** (continued)

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- d. Psalm 107:2 says, “Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.” What is He doing right now in the midst of the messiness of your life? How would you tell your story?

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**GROUP REFLECTION**

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In Luke 4:18, Jesus says, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me.” If you are a follower of Christ, the Spirit is on you. His ministry is your ministry!

Which of the four areas of His ministry (bringing the good news to the poor, proclaiming freedom from sin, restoring sight to the blind, or setting the oppressed free) are you most comfortable with?

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**OUR PRAYER FOR ONE ANOTHER & OUR COMMUNITY**

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**Pray this for each other:**

May you believe in God. But may you come to see that God believes in you. May you have faith in Jesus. But may you come to see that Jesus has faith that you can be like Him. A person of love and compassion and truth. A person of forgiveness and peace, and grace, and joy, and hope. And may you live in the dust of your rabbi, Jesus.

**For Street Church:**

Pray for stability of their meeting locations, for God to raise up more workers and servers, and that people would encounter God through the ministry.

Remember to come to the **all-church Prayer Night** on **Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7:00pm in the Worship Center.**

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# THE WAY

## Living in the dust of the Rabbi

### Making History

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.<sup>15</sup> He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.<sup>17</sup> The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to release the oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him,<sup>21</sup> and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:14-21

# THE WAY: Living in the dust of the Rabbi

Week 5: February 12

For groups, friends, families, couples, or individuals to take this week's message deeper.

## THE QUESTION

Has Jesus ministered to you? How are you ministering to others?

## CORE POINT

Jesus is the fulfillment of Scripture. His ministry is to physically and spiritually bring the good news to the poor, provide freedom from sin, restore sight to the blind, and set the oppressed free. As we surrender to Jesus, we receive freedom and healing. In turn, as we follow the Holy Spirit, we have the opportunity to minister as Jesus did.

## GETTING FOCUSED

1. Read Luke 4:14-21 and Isaiah 61:1-3.
  - a. Have one person in your group read these passages while the other members have their eyes closed. Discuss what stood out to you.
  - b. Why did Jesus choose to read Isaiah 61:1-3? What does that say about His character and His people?
2. Read page 75 in *Jesus, The One and Only*, starting with #3 "To Proclaim Freedom for the Prisoners."
  - a. How do you feel imprisoned?
  - b. Read Psalm 107:14-22. What opens the door to freedom and healing?
  - c. On a scale of 1-10, how open are you to the healing work of Jesus in your life? Explain your answer.
  - d. How has God used His Word (Scripture) to heal you?