

SERMON SUMMARY

Jesus went to his hometown synagogue in Nazareth. What happened was something no one anticipated. Jesus read from Isaiah 61 and made the bold proclamation that this Scripture was fulfilled that day right in front of those people. By this Jesus was declaring that He was the Messiah of Israel. When He spoke about what He came to do, He was also telling the modern church what our mission is and was.

MESSAGE NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Do not feel like you must cover every question below. Decide which one or ones really apply to your group or stir up an interest in your group. Do not rush to "get through them all." It is more important that you discuss openly and honestly than that you go over every question.)

1. How important would you say attending church is to you on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being very little and 10 being extremely important?

2. How would you rate your attendance and commitment to your church?

3. Do you believe that church ought to be free and open or very comfortable and predictable. What does "free to worship" mean to you?

4. Tell the group of at least one time when God stretched you and got you out of your comfort zone to do something for him. How did you feel? What happened when you followed God's prompting. In honesty, has there been a time when God tried to get you to do something that was a stretch for you and you did not do it? What happened as a result?

5. How available are you to God to use? How open are you to what He might want you to do?

6. Discuss what it means to become overly familiar with the message of Christ and the church? How easy is it for you to become complacent about the mission of the church?

7. What do you think is the mission and purpose of Crosswater Community Church? How can you help the church better fulfill it's mission?