

DISCUSSION GUIDE

June 7, 2015 “Fulfilled” - Pastor Bryan James



Sermon Synopsis

Isaiah 61:1-2 serves as both a summary and application message for us: Preach the good news, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim the freedom to the captive. While Jesus was in the synagogue at Nazareth, he quoted this same passage in reference to himself and declared Scripture fulfilled (Luke 4:18-21). Jesus paid the price of our sins on the cross and provides us His anointing and empowering Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news to those who remain held captive.

WELCOME: Name three things that you think will become obsolete in ten years.

WORSHIP: Choose a song that describes our freedom in Christ such as “No Longer Slaves” (Bethel Music) or “I am Free” (Newsboys).

WORD:

Read Luke 4:16-21

- Why do you think Jesus stopped with “...to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (v.19) and did not continue with the rest of the verse as seen in Isaiah 61:2?
- Discuss how Jesus was the fulfillment of this Scripture.
- Jesus came to set the captives free. In what area of your life do feel “stuck” and need Jesus to free you?

Read Isaiah 60:1-2

Jesus’ anointing was greater than that of anyone who came before Him. This same anointing is extended to those who follow Jesus today.

- How have you experienced God’s anointing in your life to proclaim the good news and dispense His grace to others?
- Jesus paid the price to set the captives free. Why then do so many remain held captive?
- How can you experience God’s favor in your life and extend this to others?
- Do you believe that God is good? Can He be trusted to do “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” in your life? (Eph. 3:20)

WITNESS: Ask the Holy Spirit to put a specific individual on your heart who is held captive and pray for them daily this week. Also, pray also for boldness, confidence, and the opportunity to share Christ’s love and hope with this person.