



### Week 3

**Sermon Series: Followers of Jesus Do Life Together...Differently! -The Gospel of Luke**

**Sermon Title:** “εὐαγγελισμός” -Have a different definition of “Good News”

**Sermon Text: Luke 4:14-44**

**Study Handout Week of: January 13, 2019**

**Group Week of: January 20, 2019**

**Sermon Date: January 27, 2019**

**BEFORE WE BEGIN:** What was your takeaway from this past Sunday’s sermon?

**DOCTRINE: of divine healing** - There are times today when God acts in such a manner that only His direct intervention can adequately explain the physical healing. He still heals today, and always in a way that is consistent with His nature. We should pray for His healing touch on our lives and trust Him to do what is His will for us (James 5:14-15). It is simply not true that God’s will for every Christian is for them to remain perfectly healthy. God works in the midst of all circumstances for His glory and for our good. There is no one method that is always used when God does move with miraculous healing. We may see a healing process where an individual is restored to health over a period of time. This is the most frequent expression of healing today. When God does heal it is always undeniable. Biblically no one questioned the fact of the healings, even the enemies of the Christians. Personal faith was not necessarily a prerequisite for healing. Often faith was honored, as with the woman who touched the Savior's clothes (Mark 5:34). But sometimes no faith was involved at all (Acts 3:1-10; 9:32-34). (Summary from an article by Jimmy Draper. LifeWay Christian Resources)

**ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: Love** – “We all have a basic understanding of what love is, but we are unable to comprehend the depths of True love. This is the love that God embodies. God is the genesis of love; He is its source; and it is by Him that we experience love. God's love is based in a supreme desire to glorify Himself, for He is the being most worthy of love. By seeking His own glory, God pours forth His love upon His creation that it might better give glory to Him. God loves His creation and better than His creation, God loves His people — those whom He will take with Himself into eternal glory! This is one of the greatest truths of Scripture: in spite of who we are and though God hates the workers of iniquity (Psalm 5:5), in spite of all this, God still loves us! It's amazing.” (blueletterbible.org)

#### **DAY 1 Read Read Luke 4:14-44**

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What extraordinary things did you notice?
3. What do you say to those who find Jesus’ miracles hard to believe?

#### **DAY 2 Read Luke 4:14-27; Isaiah 61:1-2**

1. What do you think “in the power of the Spirit” means in verse 14?

2. Why was it challenging for Jesus to minister in His own town? What do you think are the reasons for that difficulty? Can you think of a situation in your own life in which you felt the same way?
3. In light of Jesus' bold statement in verse 21, what was the people's response?

**DAY 3 Read Luke 4:28-37**

1. After Jesus' statements in verses 23-27, how did the people react? Why do you think they changed their attitude towards Jesus so quickly?
2. Compared to Nazareth, why was Jesus able to do miracles in Capernaum?
3. What was the result throughout the area (see verse 37)?

**DAY 4 Read Luke 4:38-44**

1. Who is this Simon whose mother-in-law was sick? What is his relationship with Jesus?
2. Why do you think these miracles don't happen as often today? Read and discuss the doctrinal understanding of divine healing at the top of the page.
3. What was Jesus' priority in His ministry according to verses 42-44?

**DAY 5 Read Luke 4:14-44**

1. What is the difference between doing things in your own power and in the power of the Spirit? How often do you seek the Spirit's power?
2. What can you do to share the Gospel more effectively with people who know you very well, like family or close friends?
3. What are the things you find hard to believe or understand about Jesus? Share and discuss those with your group.
4. Jesus' priority was to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God. Do you have that same priority? If not, will you ask the Lord for it?