

St. Jerome's Adult Bible Study

Assignment

Week 4 April 10

Read Luke 4:14 through 6:49 – *The beginning of Jesus' ministry*
(If you have time, read 2:21 through 4:13)

Review the following questions:*

1. What questions do I have?
2. What do I like best about the town or neighborhood where I grew up? What was the symbol or sign of having “made it” there?
3. When have I ever felt over- or under-estimated because of where I’m from or who my relatives are?
4. What is Jesus’ fivefold mission according to 4:18-19? How did He fulfill it then? How is He fulfilling it now?
5. What strikes me most about the evil spirit in 4:31-35?
6. In verses 4:38-44, Jesus is obviously busy yet he takes time to be alone. How do I hear Jesus’ words amidst all the shouting of the world around me?
7. By touching the leper (5:12) before He heals him, what is Jesus demonstrating? Why do I think Jesus tries to silence him?
8. Who are the “lepers” in my life? What would it mean to me to touch them for Christ?
9. How does Jesus clarify the Sabbath issue (vv. 5, 9)?
10. Why does Jesus provoke the Pharisees’ wrath by healing on the Sabbath? Why not wait a day?
11. What seems to be Jesus’ attitude toward formalized religion in 5:27 through 6:10?
12. How do the values Jesus talks about in the “Blessings and Woes” (vv. 6:20-26) differ from those I see on TV every day? What values do I and my family accept? Reject? If I could add another “woe” to counteract modern values, what would I add?
13. Verses 6:27-49 are among Jesus’ best rules of behavior. Which of them strike me as most important in my life today? Which of them challenge me? Which ones do I wish He had never said?

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