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Read and meditate on the text focusing on the verses 18-21:

“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, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. 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, and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.””

Reflect: (Spend time with God thinking about these statements or questions)

What do you think it is like to be imprisoned? Do you know anyone who has experienced imprisonment or captivity?

Say What? (Discuss the following questions with your group or some friends)

Why is it significant that this was said in Jesus’ home town?

How did the people react?

Does this description of the Messiah match what we typically think about what Jesus came to do? Why is it focused only on the poor, blind, imprisoned and oppressed?

So What? (Discuss the following questions with your group or some friends)

Is the good news especially good for the poor?

How does God’s heart for the oppressed and poor affect our calling as Christ followers?

How can we help the poor, blind, oppressed and imprisoned today?

How can we experience the Lord’s favor? How can we spread the news of His favor?

Now What? (Look for ways to apply at least one concept to your life)

There are millions today who are in slavery, and billions oppressed or poor. Look for tangible ways you can bring change to their situations and bring them good news.

References (The following sources can take you further than this guide)

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