

“The Church – A Purposeful Community”

Luke 4:1-21

Why am I here? What am I supposed to do? What is our purpose? These are questions that believers in Christ need to reflect on from time-to-time because the Bible is very directive about what we are supposed to do and why we exist. Periodically, every church needs to go back to the basics and review what Jesus told us to do. When doing that we will discover that we are a people of purpose who do not drift aimlessly through life. Today’s teaching will shed light on how to live with a deep sense of purpose.

#1. HILLCREST CHURCH MUST BE PURPOSEFUL ABOUT LIVING IN THE FULNESS OF THE SPIRIT, vv. 16-18a

- A. Jesus is the ultimate Spirit-filled man, Luke 3:22, 4:1, 14
- B. Jesus is the anointed Messiah, Isa 61:1
- C. Jesus sent the Spirit to inhabit believers, Acts 1:8, John 14:26, Eph 5:18

Application Point

- ♣ The church is a _____ community that presents Jesus to the world

#2. HILLCREST CHURCH MUST BE PURPOSEFUL ABOUT SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH THE POOR, v. 18

- A. The church must be gospel centered
- B. The poor in spirit (*ptochos*), Mat 5:3
- C. The poor see their need for forgiveness

Application Point

- ♣ The proclamation of the gospel must be in the _____ of a church

ANSWERS: Spirit-anointed, DNA, Releases, Reality, Restoration.

#3. HILLCREST CHURCH MUST BE PURPOSEFUL ABOUT REACHING OUT TO THE PRISONERS, v. 18b

- A. The prisoners are bound by Satan
- B. The prisoners are bound by sin, Rom 6:6-7, 14
- C. The prisoners are freed (lit. released)

Application Point

- ♣ The gospel _____ people from the power and penalty of sin

#4. HILLCREST CHURCH MUST BE PURPOSEFUL ABOUT REACHING OUT TO THE BLIND, v. 18c

- A. The blind were healed by Jesus
- B. The blind can refer to spiritual blindness, John 9
- C. The blind can live in the light, Eph 5:8-14

Application Point

- ♣ The gospel brings people into spiritual _____

#5. HILLCREST CHURCH MUST BE PURPOSEFUL ABOUT REACHING OUT TO THE OPPRESSED, vv. 18d

- A. The oppressed (*thrauo – brokenhearted, shattered, broken pieces*)
- B. The Lord restores the oppressed, Luke 7:21-22
- C. The Lord is moved with compassion, Mat 9:35-36

Application Point

- ♣ The gospel brings _____ to broken people

#6. JESUS’ DISCIPLES MUST BE PURPOSEFUL ABOUT URGENTLY PROCLAIMING THE YEAR OF THE LORD’S FAVOR, vv. 19-21

- A. The year of Jubilee is the year of the Lord’s favor
- B. The year of Jubilee is the release of all debts
- C. The year of Jubilee is now

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Discuss the features of Acts 1:8 and how that relates to Jesus in today's teaching.
- #2. What was the context of Isaiah 61:1-2 in its original setting?
- #3. Discuss how Jesus understood himself based on his reading of Isaiah 61:1-2.
- #4. Reading Isaiah 61:2 informs us that Jesus omitted the phrase "and the day of our God's vengeance" in Luke 4:19. Why the omission?
- #5. Why should the proclamation be a central component of any church?
- #6. Jesus mentions four different types of people in vv. 18-19. Discuss the characteristics of each one:
 - A. The poor
 - B. The prisoners
 - C. The blind
 - D. The oppressed
- #7. How do these categories apply to each of us?
- #8. In v. 19 Jesus said, "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor," which is an allusion to the year of Jubilee. In what sense is the year of Jubilee being fulfilled in Jesus ministry?
- #9. What did Jesus mean when he said, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled"? (Luke 4:21)
- #10. Read Luke 4:22-30 and discuss what happened
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome To Hillcrest Church

It's All About Jesus! - 2022

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

January 9, 2022

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO MEET IN OUR FACILITY

Due to some people testing positive for covid we have taken the necessary precautions by not meeting in person today, but will be open for in-house worship on the 16th.

ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY THE 16TH

Pastor Bruce will be talking about the vision for 2022 in his sermon, then we will have a potluck after the service as we go into our Annual Meeting. Due to the covid pandemic the District Superintendent has given churches permission to suspend their bylaws regarding the election of officers. We will have a financial update from Don, a discussion about our amazing accomplishments in 2021 along with a vision for 2022.

JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Resumes next Saturday at 10am. Invite a friend

BOOKS FOR THE NEXT SERMON SERIES ARE AVAILABLE

Pastor Bruce's book on legalism is available in the back of the sanctuary. All proceeds of the book go into the building fund to make improvements on the facility. The asking price is \$20, but any donation will do. This series on legalism begins January 23.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY

Be sure to update your contact information at church next Sunday, or email your information to Tim Brooks at timnealbr@gmail.com.