RED CEDAR FEST WEEK

Fresh Start with a New Heart
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WARM-UP

- Describe a time when you received good news after waiting for it.

DISCUSS

- If you could sum up the good news about Jesus in 2-3 sentences, what would you say to someone who needed that news?

In this week's main passage, Jesus quotes from prophecy in Isaiah 61 and identifies himself as the subject of that prophecy.

Read Luke 4:16–21

- Why was it important that the Spirit of the Lord was on him?

God wanted to turn our situation around, and Jesus said he specifically came to provide deliverance in several areas. Let's look at each.

- Good news to the poor
  - Based on Matthew 5:3, who are "the poor," and what good news do they need?
  - How do people who are poor in spirit contrast with being proud and self-sufficient?
  - Look at **Luke 2:10–11**. How does this also underscore that message from the angel?
- Freedom for prisoners
  - What things hold people captive?
  - Based on **Romans 6:22–23**, what was Jesus talking about in Luke 4?
  - In the Old Testament, God's people were taken captive by other nations because of their sin against God. What has taken you captive before when you strayed from God's best for you?
- Sight for the blind
  - Jesus healed people of physical blindness, but in what other ways can someone be blind?
  - How does the blindness of unbelief affect a person's life?
  - What does **2 Corinthians 4:4** say causes spiritual blindness?
- Set the oppressed free
  - What types of spiritual oppression do you see in our world?
  - How are people in our own community in bondage to oppression?

This passage is about deliverance! God has the power to save us from all bondage and oppression.

- Describe where you have seen this good news fulfilled in your own life. (Freedom from sin, spiritual sight, released from bondage.)

NEXT STEPS

- If you have slipped back into bondage, Jesus wants to set you free. What truth from this week's study will you apply to your life?
- Who do you know that needs to hear this good news? _____
  - How will you reach out to that person this week?

PRAYER

In groups of 2–4, pray for one another and ask God to give you a fresh start.

Notes for praying for others this week:

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