

SERMON SERIES DISCIPLING GUIDE

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READ TOGETHER

Read through **Isaiah 61**.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What jumps out to you personally when you read about who Jesus is? Why do you think this is?
2. This passage describes Jesus as the one who brings good news to the poor and comforts the brokenhearted. He releases captives from prison. How have you experienced or seen Jesus in this way before? In what ways has He met you in times of trouble and brokenness?
3. Matt mentioned two implications coming from this scripture:
 - a. Firstly, Jesus stands ready to be the answer to life's problems. The problem of sin, the need for grace and forgiveness, the problem of living for ourselves and missing out on abundance.
 - b. Secondly, this passage shows us that because of Jesus, bad news does not have the final say. With this in mind, we can experience bad news, but still find and live in abundance right in the midst of it. Anything that happens in life - no matter how bad - can be redeemed by the anointed one, Jesus.
4. So what do we do with this? We pray:
 - a. Take a minute to reflect. How are you seeking Him or praying for this today? Are you brokenhearted? Are you in need of release from a "prison" you find yourself unable to get out of? Take some time to pray with and for one another in these areas. Thank God for the ways in which He has blessed, and bring to God those who are in need of freedom and comfort.
 - b. Take some time to pray through the "Prayer of Yielding". Jesus stands ready to be the answer and be our abundance if we follow Him. Pray together or individually through this prayer below. Take note of what areas of your life you feel you can't give over or cause you pause. You may want to ask for prayer from others in this case.

PRAYER OF YIELDING

Lord Jesus, I thank you for dying on the cross for me and I acknowledge you as my Saviour. *"In view of God's mercy, I choose to offer my body, soul and spirit as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You – this is my spiritual act of worship. I choose to no longer conform to the pattern of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. For then I will be able to test and approve what Your will is – Your good, pleasing and perfect will."* (Romans. 12:1,2)

I invite you now to be Lord of every area of my life, releasing my control and giving you full reign and possession of everything.

I ask You to be Lord of my SPIRIT

- Lord of my relationship with you;
- Lord of my spiritual awareness and conscience;
- Lord of my creativity and my spiritual gifts;
- Lord of my worship;
- Lord of my identity and who I am in You.

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I ask You to be Lord of my SOUL

- Lord of my MIND, my attitudes, my beliefs, my imagination, my dreams and all my thoughts;
- Lord of my EMOTIONS, my expression of my feelings and all my reactions;
- Lord of my WILL and all my decisions (conscious, subconscious and unconscious)
- Lord of my defense mechanisms, coping mechanisms and my behaviour cycles.

I ask You to be Lord of my BODY

- Lord of my physical health, my exercise, my rest, my appearance and all my physical behaviour;
- Lord of my eyes and what I look upon;
- Lord of my ears and everything I listen to;
- Lord of my mouth and what I speak and eat;
- Lord of my hands and all that I do and touch;
- Lord of my feet and everywhere I go;
- Lord of my sexuality and its expression.

I ask You to be Lord of my PERSONAL LIFE

- Lord of my family and my home;
- Lord of my possessions, my perceived needs, my finances;
- Lord of my time, my work, my ministry, my pleasure;
- Lord of my plans, my ambitions, my future, my destiny;
- Lord of all my relationships.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that your blood was shed for me that I might be free. Amen.