



# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

ANSWERS FOR THOSE WHO ASK

May 24 & 25, 2014

Has Christianity Done Anything Of Value?

Luke 4:14-21

## OPENING QUESTIONS

- Have you ever been to a different country and seen some things that make you cringe and then reflected on the fact that our Judeo-Christian based value system makes it different in our country?
- What are some benefits to society that you see of Christianity?

## BIG IDEA

- In our day and age much is spoken against Christianity, but not much time is taken looking at the wonder of what Christ and Christians have done in the world. It is really quite astounding! God has been working and moving in the midst of the brokenness of humanity to show His love and power. The best thing He has done was to break the power of sin and death and give us an opportunity to know Him. There are so many side benefits to this wonderful news that we almost take for granted.

## READ TOGETHER

**Luke 4:14-21**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Jesus' message to the people of His hometown was that the time of the Lord's favor has come. What does that mean?
- 2) When Jesus separated out three groups of people to proclaim Good News to – how do you understand the Good News would be proclaimed to them?
  - What group would you most likely fit into?
- 3) When Jesus Christ left this earth do you think he expected Christians to make a big difference in the way that people live? Why or why not? What passage of scripture would you use to further your understanding?
  - What did you think of all the examples that Geoff used about the way Christianity has impacted society and culture?
- 4) Geoff was careful to say in his sermon that the gospel is not primarily a commitment to change society but hearts. Yet when hearts are changed, compassion emerges and society is changed. Expressing concern for people can and should become a powerful tool in spreading the Good News about Jesus.
  - How could you impact your world with the Good News?
  - How could you impact your world with the resultant part of the gospel?
- 5) In the end of the message Geoff turned our thoughts to the personal nature of transformation by asking us the question, "Has Christianity done anything for you?"
  - How did this personalize the message for you?
  - How did you answer this question? What caused you to stand up and give thanks to God at the end of the sermon?
  - Can you take time to bear testimony to one another in your group of the miracle or blessing that Christ has done for you?

## PRAYER

- Take time to pray for one another based on what was shared:
  - The people who need Christ, the areas of society that need to be redeemed by Christ and that hearts and minds would be changed, that they may see the goodness of God in this world and through His people.
- Pray also, that those who heard this message (in fact the entire series) at RockPointe would be challenged, encouraged and convicted by the Holy Spirit... that they would come to have stronger faith, and a stronger walk with Jesus because of it.