



SERMON GUIDE

THE MINDSET

Luke 4:16-30 | Pastor Tim Porter

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Talk about a moment when you felt a lot of satisfaction and contentment because you successfully resisted doing something you knew was wrong? Share the story.

Note About the Passage: This passage indicates that it was common for Jesus to give the reading at the synagogue in Nazareth (his home town), and that he was generally admired. On this occasion Jesus chooses to read an excerpt from the prophet Isaiah. Jesus interprets this passage as foreshadowing the coming of the Messiah (the savior of the Jewish people from captivity and the one who would deliver them from their enemies). In essence, Jesus was telling the people that he indeed was the Messiah. In the OT there were many messianic prophecies. By claiming to fulfill this prophecy, Jesus was claiming to fulfill all the messianic prophecies.

S: Read Luke 4:16-30

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: At first, when Jesus said something which could be considered quite controversial—"this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (v. 22)—the townspeople were still speaking well of Jesus. Why do you think Jesus continues to press, speaking with boldness and seemingly provocative statements until the people are stirred up enough to drive him out and try to kill him?

O: In verses 22-27 Jesus is perceiving and challenging the thoughts of the people of Nazareth, asserting that they will not receive him as a true prophet of God, and much less the Messiah and Son of God. What do you think God was trying to demonstrate through Jesus' interaction with his hometown? Why do you think these interactions are important?

O: Do you think it was a miracle that Jesus was able to simply walk away from the angry crowd? What does it mean about what still needs to be completed in Jesus' Ministry and what God's Kingdom is supposed to look like? What can we learn about Jesus' ministry from the Isaiah passage that Jesus reads (v. 18-19); what promises will Jesus say he will fulfill?

O: This passage shows that perhaps Jesus openly rejected the people of Nazareth before they openly rejected him (as he declares himself as a prophet). Jesus chose to take his ministry away from the city of Nazareth (a Jewish city) and to Capernaum (a Gentile city). What does this tell us about the nature of the message of Jesus?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: Is there a teaching or a claim of Jesus that makes you upset to the point where you refuse to believe, follow, or take seriously what he is teaching (a few examples: the call to be baptized, loving your enemy, people being sent to hell, rich ruler being asked to sell all he had, or workers coming late in the day being paid the same as those who have worked all day)? What teaching of Jesus are you unwilling to fully commit to following or believing?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.