

SERMON GUIDE THE PURPOSE

Luke 4:31-44 | Pastor Tim Porter

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SERMON NOTES

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 5:6-7 (Temptation) Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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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: What would you say is your purpose in life? In what way does your purpose express itself through your personality, giftings, and interests?

Note About the Passage: In this passage, we find that after being rejected in his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus has moved on and traveled to the seaside city of Capernaum, which had a larger gentile (non-practicing Jewish/unbelieving) population. Set on the sea of Galilee, Jesus comes to minister to a people who are far from God. It is important to note that in this passage, Jesus did not yet want people to know who he was (his destiny as the Messiah and his identity as the Son of God).

S: Read Luke 4:31-44

- 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: Our passage begins with Jesus entering the city of Capernaum. After he taught them, he began to heal many people and cast out many demons (something he didn't do in his hometown of Nazareth). What do you think is the significance of healing in Capernaum but not Nazareth?
- O: Why you think the word "rebuke" is used so frequently by Jesus in both his healing and casting out of demons?
- O: Why would Jesus want to keep the demons quiet in this passage? Why would he not want people to know he was the son of God? How might it affect his purpose?
- O: Do you think that there was significance to the fact that Jesus did not heal every person all at once (which he obviously had the power to do)? Instead, Jesus "laid hands on every one of them" individually (v.40) and healed them and cast out their demons.
- O: Why do you think Jesus emphasizes preaching the good news to other towns and doesn't mention or emphasize "healing and casting out demons?" (v. 43).
- 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: What area of your heart, mind, or body needs a healing touch from Jesus? Do you find it hard to ask him for healing? Not everyone receives healing. Does this trouble you about God? Do you have someone to talk to about this?
- A: Can you think of a person or group of people that you would be offended to see Jesus bringing his message to or healing? How would this affect your relationship with him?

A: In light of this scripture, what specific purpose do you think God is calling you to?

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.