

2. If you are a “Christian” (a “little Christ”), you also have been given the opportunity and responsibility to do what these verses state. How are you doing that?

Day Four

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-7

1. How does the “god of this age” blind people’s minds?
2. How has GOD shone the light of His glory in your life?
3. How is He shining His light through you into the lives of others?

Day Five

Read 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

1. What do you think it means to “receive GOD’s grace in vain?”
2. What is meant by “now is the time of GOD’s favor, now is the day of salvation?”

The Anointed One

Luke 4:14-30

A. See the Events of The Story.

1. Jesus is in the Early Stages of His Ministry.

“Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.”
Luke 4:14-15

2. The home town boy comes to the Synagogue in Nazareth.

“He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.”
Luke 4:16

B. Hear The Anointed One Speak.

“The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’”
Luke 4:17-21

1. Good News to the Poor.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”
Luke 18:24-25

2. Freedom for the Prisoners.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
John 8:31-32

3. Recovery of Sight for the Blind.

“Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”
John 9:25

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

2 Corinthians 4:4

Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed. Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day One

Read Luke 4:14-30

1. What do you think it was like for Jesus to return to town where he grew up?
2. Why do you think the people reacted to Him the way they did?
3. What do you learn from this?

Day Two

Read Luke 4:14-30 (Focus on verses 18-19)

1. What do these verses tell you about the purposes of Jesus' ministry.
2. Reflect on how Jesus has done these things in your life.

Day Three

Read Luke 4:18-19

1. As you read these verses this time, reflect on the fact that you also are "anointed" with the Spirit of GOD, not in the same way as Jesus, of course, but anointed nonetheless. What does this mean to you?

4. Release the Oppressed.

"When the men came to Jesus, they said, 'John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?' At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, 'Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me.'"

Luke 7:20-23

5. Proclaim the Year of the LORD's Favor.

"Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each one of you is to return to his family property and each to his own clan." Leviticus 25:10

"As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

C. Receive The Anointed One.

1. Take hold of His Healing and Salvation.

"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--" John 1:11-12

2. Live as His Anointed Ones.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19