



Whyte Ridge Baptist – October 18, 2026

The Gospel of Luke: Seeing Jesus Clearly

The King's Mission Statement
(Luke 4:14-30)

The big question we ask... "What are they going to do?"

Unpacking Luke 4:14-30

1. The King Arrives in the Power of the Spirit
2. The King Enters the Synagogue
3. The King's Mission Statement is for the Broken
4. The King Says, "Today"
5. The King is Not Always the King We Want
6. The King's Grace Crossed Boundaries

What is the King's Mission?

1. Jesus Came to Bring Good News
2. Jesus Came to Bring Release
3. Jesus Came For People Who Need Him
4. Jesus Came to Bring God's Grace to Everyone

LifeGroup Questions for Discussion:

1 Do we want Jesus as He truly is, or as we want Him to be? The people of Nazareth initially admired Jesus, but their attitude changed when they realized He would not meet their expectations (Luke 4:22–24, 28–29). What are some ways we can subtly reshape Jesus to fit our own preferences, expectations, or lifestyle? How can we recognize when we want His blessings without genuinely surrendering to His lordship?

2 Where do you most need the freedom Jesus came to bring? Jesus announced good news for the poor, release for captives, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed (Luke 4:18–19). His mission reaches into the broken places of our lives, including our sin, guilt, fear, shame, and spiritual bondage. Which of these promises of Jesus is especially meaningful to you in this season of life, and what might it look like to trust Him for that freedom?

3 Who might we struggle to believe is worthy of God's grace? Jesus reminded His hometown that God had shown mercy to outsiders, including a widow from Sidon and Naaman the Syrian (Luke 4:25–27). We often celebrate grace when it comes to us, but struggle when it reaches people who are different from us or who have hurt us. Is there a person or group of people you find difficult to welcome, forgive, or imagine God reaching? What would it mean to see them through the eyes of Jesus?

4 If Jesus' mission is our mission, what needs to change about the way we live and do church? Jesus came with good news for the broken, freedom for the captive, and grace that crosses boundaries. Who might be missing from our attention, relationships, or ministries? What is one practical change we could make—as individuals or as a church—to help that person experience the welcome and hope of Jesus?