

Sermon Application Questions

Luke 4:16-21 Keith Phillips - Guest Speaker

Ice Breaker:

Answer one or more of the following statements:

- 1) Have you ever felt like you were poor in your life? If so, tell about it.
- 2) If you could make one contribution to the plight of the poor, what would you want to do?
- 3) Have you ever visited a prison? If so, what were your impressions?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Keith talked about the importance of what Jesus said in terms of the revelation, the model, and the mandate. Reflect on each of those and talk about how each of them impacts you personally.
- 2) As you observe the ministry of our church, how would you evaluate it in terms of being holistic? Are there ways we might improve that aspect of our ministry? If so, how? Why is this so important as we minister to other people?
- 3) When you think of the empowerment ministry that Keith talked about, how would you see that being implemented in practical ways in our community? How do you see that currently being or not being implemented? What are the long term consequences of not having an empowerment ministry?
- 4) Read James 2:5-7, 14-17. How do these verses relate to today's message?
- 5) Ezekiel (16:49) leveled some harsh words against the city of Sodom. Do you think that any of these words could be applied to the United States? To our church? To you personally? Share your perspective. What are specific things that we can do individually and collectively to guard against these wrong attitudes/actions?
- 6) Of the 4 things that Keith suggested that we can do in response to Jesus' words, evaluate how you think we do on each of them. If we were to begin focusing on one of them to make progress, where would you start?
- 7) Read Revelation 3:17-19. Talk about the principles as well as the meaning of these warnings to the Church in Laodicea. Do you think any of them apply to us today in our culture? If so, how?
- 8) What is the most important lesson for you personally from the message of Luke 4?

Apply It:

Think about how you might apply this message in a practical way this next week. If you can do that, write it down here:

If you need some suggestions, look at the list below:

- 1) Memorize and meditate on Pro. 14:31, 17:5, or 22:2.
- 2) Find a tangible way to engage with poor people and offer some form of help. You may want to help with the meals for the homeless. Contact your Life Group leader or Dawn Mitchell at arisingsun@live.com.
- 3) Look for a person in our church who is less fortunate than you, and find a way to reach out to that person.
- 4) Get involved in a prison ministry locally.
- 5) Plan to participate in the Missions trip to Mexico at the end of May when our church sends a group down to Baja to work at the Orphanage there. Contact Jana Hildebrandt at jhildebrandt@firstmbchurch.org.