**“Resurrection & Justice”**

Going deeper in Luke 4:14-19

**INTRODUCTION**

Jesus has just returned from His test/trial in the wilderness.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.*

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit. News that He was back spread through the whole countryside. 15 He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised Him. 16 He came to Nazareth where He had been raised. As He always did on the Sabbath, He went to the synagogue and stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him and He found the place where it is written:

18 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He 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, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

20 He rolled up the scroll and handed it back to the assistant and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was intently watching Him. 21 Then He said to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Why might it be important to mention that Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit?

2. Why do you think Jesus made it part of His routine to go the synagogue on the Sabbath?

3. In what way do you think the prophecy in Isaiah was fulfilled?

4. What do you think are some the most fruitful ways Christians can be about the kind of justice that is described here? What has been your experience with this?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Praise the Lord Jesus for all the things He has been teaching you.

\*Ask Jesus to re-fill you with the Holy Spirit so you can see what He wants to show you.

\*Ask Jesus to show you how He wants you to be an instrument of His justice.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Part of resurrection living is working for the kind of justice Jesus talked about. Will you be an instrument for Jesus and the Kingdom of God this week?