

## **Discipleship Notes 4: June 2020**

### **“Jesus’ Special Friends”**

#### **Luke 4: 14-5:11**

#### **Opening Worship**

Read Isaiah 61: 1-3 & Isaiah 61: 8-11

List some features of the good news that is to be preached or shared.

What do these verses tell us about God?

#### **Welcome:**

For the next few weeks, we are going to look at some events from Jesus’ life. Each event was designed to tell us something about Jesus and about the love God has for each of us. We are going to start at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry and the call of the first disciples.

It is easy to read these stories. The words are familiar and comforting. But what if Jesus is making a challenge to us to? What if Jesus is calling us to change the way we live and come follow him? Are we too tied up in our ‘nets’ to do so or will we gladly leave the familiar behind in order to journey with Jesus?

#### **Read: Luke 4: 14-30**

- Describe Jesus’ return to Galilee. What had just happened to Jesus prior to returning to Galilee?
- Why do you think Jesus was initially very popular? Is being ‘popular’ an issue for us as Christians today?
- What was the significance of the reading from Isaiah 61?
- Can you suggest some reasons as to why the people turned against Jesus?
- After hearing Jesus’ words, what did the people now want to do with Jesus?

**Read: Luke 4: 31-44**

- Describe the problem faced by the man in the synagogue.
- How did the people of Capernaum react to Jesus? How would we react to such an issue today?
- What happened at the home of Simon?
- Why was Jesus unwilling to stay in Capernaum and continue to help the people there?
- Does this tell us anything about the mission we are called to be involved with?

**Reading: Luke 5: 1-11**

- Describe the problem faced by Simon.
- How does Simon react to Jesus' instructions?
- What does this incident tell us about Simon? And, what does it tell us about Jesus?

**Prayer Pointers:**

- Pray for some of the areas in our world where the message about Jesus is unpopular today.
- We pray for those who grieve and for people currently unwell.
- We remember those who are self-isolating at home.
- We pray for the staff and residents at our local care home, Austen House.
- We thank God for 'Earley Help hub' and good relations between our local churches.