

# Living Water Fellowship

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## COME TO JESUS

**SONGS:** VIDEO – Goodness of God (*Maranatha Music*)

**WELCOME & PRAYER:**

## GROW IN HIS GRACE

**BIBLE READING:** Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. <sup>15</sup> He taught regularly in their synagogues & was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath & stood up to read the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll & found the place where this was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,  
that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,  
<sup>19</sup> and that the time of the Lord's favour has come."

<sup>20</sup> He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, & sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**SONG:** Video – *I Want to Know You* (*CITYALIGHT*)

**BIBLE READING:** John 20:19-23

<sup>26</sup> That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands & his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! <sup>21</sup> Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them & said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**FAITH CHAT:**

1. What does it mean to be "filled with the Spirit?"
2. What does it mean **FOR YOU** to be "filled with the Spirit?"

**THE MESSAGE:** *WINDS OF CHANGE: MOVE WITH THE SPIRIT*

**OFFERING SONG:** VIDEO – *Christ is Mine Forevermore (CITYALIGHT)*

**PRAYERS:**

**THE COMMUNION:**

*The Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship during Communion:*

VIDEO – *WHAT LOVE MY GOD (CityAlight) - CCL Licence 384660*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

**THE BLESSING:**

**(Name), † child of God...  
The Holy Spirit lives in you  
to daily move you in the way of Christ!  
Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SONG:** VIDEO – *The Lord is By My Side (CityAlight)*

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

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**Remember:**

We move with the Spirit... wherever & to whomever it leads with the assurance God is still with us. Christ is still at work within us. The Spirit still speaks to us & is powerful through us.

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today  
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.  
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***

**Group Bible Study/Discussion:**

1. Read Luke 4:14-21 & John 20:19-23. What questions immediately come to mind? What strikes you as you read this text?
2. This event occurs right after Jesus baptism (Lk 3:21-22) & his temptation (Lk 4:1-13). Why do you think he began his ministry in this place & in this way? (note also the presence of the Spirit in both of those texts)
3. Why do you think there's significant excitement in the community about Jesus?
4. What does the passage say about Jesus mission? How does he fulfill that passage?
5. What did Jesus do & say after reading this scripture? How does he fulfill this prophecy of Isaiah? Talk through each portion of his "Call/Anointing" by the Spirit. What are the implications of each?
  - i. Anointed...
  - ii. Good news...
  - iii. Sight...
  - iv. Liberty...
  - v. Year of the Lord...
6. How did the people respond initially to Jesus? Read verses 22-24. Why were they spiritually blind? How did Jesus rebuke them?
7. What is the difference between being a devoted follower or a fan? Is it possible the people who heard Jesus were big "fans" of clever teaching & awesome miracles, but were not prepared for the devotion of being part of his life-changing ministry & mission? How do you keep yourself from being only a fan of Jesus?
8. How do you respond when Jesus doesn't meet your expectations? How does the Christian community, the church, help you in those times? How do you talk to others about your faith experiences when they too may be feeling disappointed in Jesus?
9. How does Jesus' declaration of his mission in Lk 4:18-21 compare to what he says in Lk 19:10? How are they alike in nature?
10. Jesus makes it very clear he applies Isaiah 61:1-2 directly to himself; God had sent Him to do these things. His God-appointed mission was clear. Re-read today's text from John 20. As a follower of Jesus, how is Christ calling you to continue the work he began in making God's Kingdom a living reality wherever you are?
11. Is it reasonable to expect that the power of the Spirit will be as great in a Christian today as it was in Jesus? Please explain your answer.
12. How & to where does the Spirit in you call you to move in the coming week? What might keep you from fully engaging in God's mission in our community? How will you pray to overcome those obstacles?