**God’s Unwanted Good News**

*Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:14-30*

How did Jesus ‘the good Jewish boy we know’ (v.16) cause so much trouble in his hometown? How could such good news be so offensive?

Why did Jesus push in their face (vv. 23-27) the message that God has always sought ALL those seek Him? How might Jesus have handled this so they would have been proud to have Him as a hometown boy-made-good?

Jesus was faithful (v.16) but also effective (v.18-19). Why is reaching the people you were sent to is as important as the message you were sent to deliver (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)?

Who are the people that God loves but we struggle with- even in the church? How is the Good News inconvenient for us- e.g. God inviting all those people who don’t know or care about our rules (Luke 5:27-32)?

Why might Jesus see us as poverty-stricken even though we think we are doing very well (Revelation 3:17-20)? What is the message to those who see themselves as neither poor or in bondage? How does this message apply to the world around us?