

1. OBSERVATIONS: A. **Read** Luke 4 reverently and prayerfully. Describe any connection you see between the “temptations” scene (vs. 1-13) and the rest of the chapter.

### **Luke 4:14-30 – Jesus in His hometown**

2. The word “synagogue” is used 7-times in this chapter of Luke and another 10-times in all the rest of the book. What do you learn about the synagogue in Luke 4? What was the role of the synagogue in the lives of Jewish people in Jesus’ day?
3. Where had Jesus come from? Where did He go? When and why did Jesus go to the synagogue? What is the significance of this incident in the synagogue?
4. On what day did Jesus go to the synagogue? \_\_\_\_\_ What do you learn from the following verses about this day?
  - a. Genesis 2:1-3 (the first mention of this day in the Word of God) –
  - b. Exodus 20:8-11 –
  - c. Exodus 31:12-17 –
5. When Jesus “stood up to read” in the synagogue, what verses did He read? Did He read this passage at random? What was the significance of what he read?

6. Read Isaiah 61:1-2 and note where Jesus stopped reading (mid-sentence). Why do you think that He stopped reading where He did?
7. What was the initial response of the people to Jesus in their synagogues? (4:14-15 & 22) Why do you think this was so?
8. Jesus makes His point in vs. 23-27. He used two illustrations from the Old Testament. To whom did these blessings come? Israelites or Gentiles? To whom did they not come?
9. Why did this prompt such a dramatic change in the response of the people? Who was behind this abrupt change in the attitude of the people? (cf. Luke 4:13) Do you see any evidence of this attitude in our world today? Where?
10. The people of Nazareth intended to kill Jesus. However, “passing through their midst, He went His way.” How could it be that He seemingly escaped death so easily?

#### **4:31-44 – The public ministry of Jesus, continued**

11. Jesus next comes to Capernaum. What does He do there and where? What specifically prompted the response of the people to His teaching?
12. What was it about the message and ministry of Jesus that prompted the people to be amazed? (cf. 4:32 & 36) Why do you think this was the case?
13. In Luke 4:31-44, what do you learn about demons?
14. In Luke 4:31-44, what do you learn about Jesus? What was the content of His preaching?