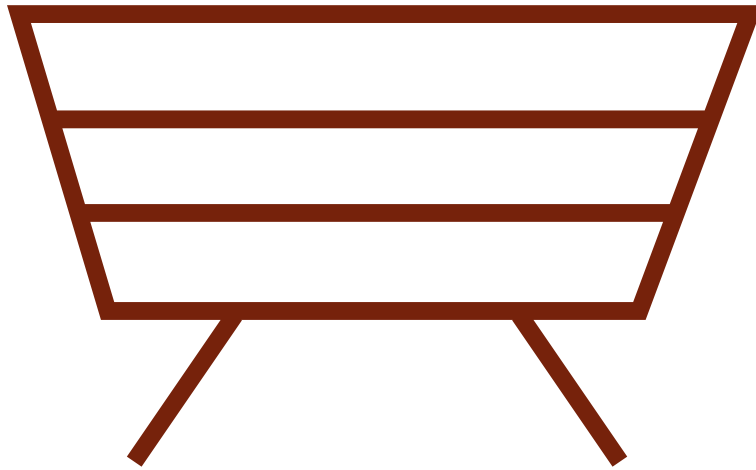


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COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## About This Study

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*“And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Jesus. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,*

*‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’*

*And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’”*  
- Luke 4:17–21

This sermon series, alongside our study guide, examines why Jesus was Sent to Serve, a baby born to give His life away in service to the world. Jesus said He came to live out this two-pronged ministry, word and deed. The Gospels tell countless stories about how He did that. Now we are called as His disciples to do what He did. He provided a foretaste of the eternal salvation to come when all things broken will be mended. All needs will be met, all oppression ended, all injustice made right, the poor clothed, and the hungry fed.

This is why and how this baby was Sent to Serve, God Himself brings the salvation message through tangible love and provision, giving up His life to make all things new.

## Digging Deeper

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If you would like to dig deeper on the ideas of this study, here are a couple recommended resources. You can also find them at [thewellsilverspring.org/resources](http://thewellsilverspring.org/resources)

[When Helping Hurts](#) - Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert from The Chalmers Center

[Ministries of Mercy](#) - Tim Keller

[Love Walked Among Us](#) - Paul Miller

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# Personal Daily Study

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Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. Also consider the below supplemental questions per each given week (You can also check out our other simple guides online for additional Bible study resources at [thewellsilverspring.org/resources](http://thewellsilverspring.org/resources).)

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## What Does It Say?

First, we ask: *“What does this say?”*

Read the passage a few times and carefully observe the words; give full attention to what it says. The purpose is to saturate in the content of the passage.

Look for things such as: important words (what’s being talked about), conjunctions (how is one idea connected to another), admonitions (something being commanded), contrasts, comparisons, illustrations, repeated phrases/ words, mood, and grammatical construction (verb tenses, prepositional phrases, etc.).

Linger here, listening to what God is saying in the detail of His words. Write down questions that the passage raises for you, things you don’t understand, ideas you’d like to pursue further.

## What Does It Mean?

We now ask ourselves: *“What does it mean?”*

Use the observations you just gathered, the context of the section, and other passages of scripture to get at the meaning of what you have read.

Consider using [a commentary](#), the [GROW](#) or [SOAP](#) Bible study tools, the [ESV Study Bible](#) notes, or other resources to help.

Next, summarize the main truth you heard from God in His word.

Consider writing out the synthesized truth in your own words. Outline, diagram, draw, or flowchart the line of thought or main idea of the passage. What jumped out?

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## So What?

Now we must ask: *“So what?”*

After meeting God in His word, we cannot ignore, or walk away unchanged. Why does the truth you heard matter to you today?

Is there something new to believe, cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there something for you to do (or not do) in response to what you have read?

Is there someone with whom to share this truth (believer or nonbeliever)?

Do not forget to apply the gospel for your forgiveness, and as the reason compelling your obedience:

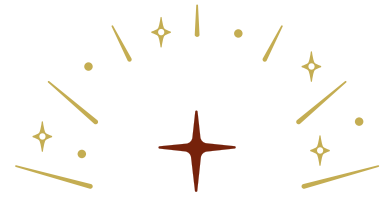
*Christ is enough!*

He has forgiven you for \_\_\_\_\_  
and He is the reason why we \_\_\_\_\_.

# Week One

## Luke 4: 16-22

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### QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*So what?*

Look up Isaiah 61. What is the context of this passage that Jesus is reciting?

According to this passage in Luke, why was Jesus sent? Who was He sent to?

What does Jesus mean in verse 21?

### SO WHAT?

How does this passage impact your understanding of Jesus' being sent to serve, restore, rescue, and heal you?

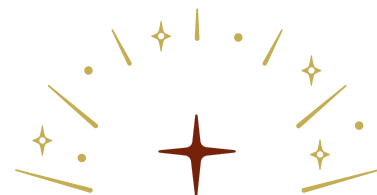
How does the gospel impact your understanding of Word and Deed ministry in this season? Does Jesus reciting this passage from Isaiah shape your understanding of the gospel in a new way?

In this season, how can you follow Jesus' leading of being Sent to Serve?

In this season, how can you lead others to follow Jesus' leading of being Sent to Serve?

## Week Two

# Isaiah 61:1-4; 53:4-12; 49:8-10



### QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*So what?*

What is the picture of the fulfillment that each of these passages are looking towards?

How do these passages connect to last week's study in Luke 4?

How do you see Jesus' life and ministry as a reflection of the images in these passages from Isaiah?

### SO WHAT?

How does this passage impact your understanding of Jesus' being sent to serve, restore, rescue, and heal you?

How does the gospel impact your understanding of Word and Deed ministry in this season? Does Jesus reciting this passage from Isaiah shape your understanding of the gospel in a new way?

In this season, how can you follow Jesus' leading of being Sent to Serve?

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# Week Three

## Mark 2:1-12

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### QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*So what?*

How does this passage motivate us to work together to bring holistic change in someone's life?

Why was Jesus' first response to forgive the man's sins, rather than address his obvious need for physical healing?

What insights can we learn about the heart of the Pharisees/religious people?

### SO WHAT?

What insights can we learn about Jesus' approach to Word and Deed ministry?

What role can we as a 3D, CG, family, and church play in Word and Deed ministry?

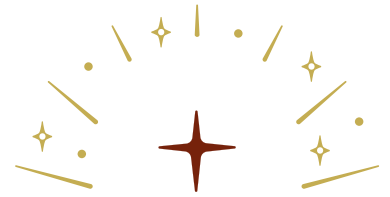
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In this season, how can you lead others to follow Jesus' leading of being Sent to Serve?

# Week Four

## John 6:1-14

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### QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*So what?*

How can we balance bringing holistic change to multitudes, while still focusing on the individual?

How did this act address both the physical and spiritual needs of the crowd?

How can the church bring both physical and spiritual relief to its communities?

### SO WHAT?

What insights can we learn about Jesus' approach to Word and Deed ministry?

What role can we as a 3D, CG, family, and church play in Word and Deed ministry?

In this season, how can you follow Jesus' leading of being Sent to Serve?

In this season, how can you lead others to follow Jesus' leading of being Sent to Serve?

# Week Five

## Mark 10:35-45

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### QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*So what?*

How does this passage display the conflicts that can arise while doing holistic ministry?

How does our humanity go against Jesus' mentality of serving?

How can the church navigate the conflicts that can arise while doing holistic ministry?

### SO WHAT?

What insights can we learn about Jesus' approach to Word and Deed ministry?

What role can we as a 3D, CG, family, and church play in Word and Deed ministry?

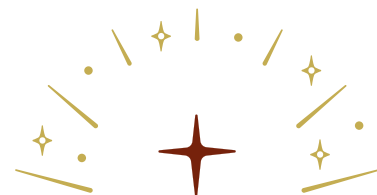
In this season, how can you follow Jesus' leading of being Sent to Serve?

In this season, how can you lead others to follow Jesus' leading of being Sent to Serve?



## Week Six

# Matthew 9:18-26; Revelation 21:1-7



### QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

*What does it say?*

*What does it mean?*

*So what?*

How can we balance bringing holistic change to multitudes, while still focusing on the individual?

How does this passage display Jesus' heart for those regularly overlooked by society?

How does the passage from Revelation give us hope in what is to come? How does it impact the Word and Deed ministry we do presently?

### SO WHAT?

What insights can we learn about Jesus' approach to Word and Deed ministry?

What role can we as a 3D, CG, family, and church play in Word and Deed ministry?

In this season, how can we keep hope knowing that Jesus will return?

In this season, how can you give others hope to follow Jesus knowing that He will return?

## Together With Your 3D Group

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You'll find the specific supplementary questions for the scripture passages in the above schedule. You can also find the full details for 3D discussion in our [3D Meeting Guide](#). Here's a summary:

### Bible

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*First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:*

- 1** What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?

- 2** How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?

- 3** Where is the gospel connected to this truth? What does this highlight about who we are, or about who God is?

### Life

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*Share about how this truth impacts your life today:*

For you today, why does this specifically matter?

Is there something God calling you to obey in response to His word?

Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe, promise to cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there someone to share this truth with?

### Prayer

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*Pray throughout your time together.*

Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared.

Close in prayer.

Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation.

Praise Him.

Confess sin to Him.

Thank Him.

Ask Him for His power and provision.

## Resources

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Here are some good resources to consider when getting to know God and growing to live for Christ.

### Bibles & Commentaries

English Standard Version (ESV) Study Bible  
The ESV Study Bible is a great resource - everyone should own one. Short commentary on each book of the Bible. You'll love this Bible for the passages above.

The Gospel Coalition Commentaries | [thegospelcoalition.org/commentary](http://thegospelcoalition.org/commentary)  
TGC has put together a collection of wonderful, accessible, and free digital commentaries.

Matthew Henry's Concise  
Commentary on the Whole Bible  
Online pdf is free and solid.

### Online Media

BibleProject | [bibleproject.com](http://bibleproject.com)

They have solid videos for every book of the Bible, themes that flow through the Scriptures, and theology in general.

Christian Classics Ethereal Library | [ccel.org](http://ccel.org)

Online resource pool with tons of resources, a little much to sort through, but many are helpful.

Precept Austin | [preceptaustin.org](http://preceptaustin.org)

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