

Life Groups: Connecting people to God, His Word, and One Another

Questions from Pastor Bill's Message on March 4.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO ONE ANOTHER:

- 1) Tell us about your hometown. (Where did you grow up, how long did you live there, etc.)
- 2) What's one good memory from your childhood?
- 3) What's one not so good memory?
- 4) What's a piece of advice you would give to your younger self?

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD'S WORD: Read Luke 4:14-30

- 1) Right before this we have Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13). How does this event set the stage for the text from the message?
- 2) What's one thing that sticks out to you from Luke 4:14-30? Why do you think it's so apparent to you?
- 3) Right after this we have Jesus driving out an evil spirit (Luke 4:31-37). How does this story build off the text from the message?
- 4) If you feel up to it, read Isaiah 61 to get a clearer picture of what the Israelites would have had in mind when Jesus read to them from the scroll.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD THROUGH THE SERMON AND PRAYER:

- 1) Insight #1: Jesus is our master, not our success coach. Is there any time when this isn't true? Why or why not?
- 2) Insight #2: The Gospel is about Jesus' agenda, not our own. How have you practiced that in the last 3 months?
- 3) Insight #3 If you are willing to hear from God, he will send an anointed voice to you. How are you preparing yourself to hear? Where could you be missing the voice?
- 4) What did you write down in your sermon notes?

APPLYING THIS LESSON:

- 1) Where is one area of life where you listen to someone you disagree with? If you don't have someone, how do you get one? How can our group help each other respect people with differing opinions?
- 2) How can we find the poor, prisoner, blind, and oppressed? And how can we show them the year of the Lord's favor?

PRAYER: Pray for Christian Nichles and his family. Pray for our upcoming church business meeting this Sunday (March 11).