

# FOLLOW

Sunday 20 March 2016

**Announce God's Kingdom: Hope**  
**Luke 4:14-30**

## Receive hope

We receive hope from hearing the truth and finding that we are included in this good news.

1. How did you receive the good news?

Allan reminded us that we don't have to be perfect and have everything sorted out – Jesus brings HIS righteousness and HIS resources to our lives.

2. How can you draw upon Jesus' resources in your life?

3. How has God helped you when you've come to your last loaf of bread (like the widow in Elijah's time)?

Allan referred to this verse: *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land - 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Naaman had to humbly wash in a muddy creek to find healing.

4. Where and how must you humble yourself to accept Jesus' grace?

## Announce hope

Jesus' words in the synagogue was good news – freedom, sight, the end of oppression and the year of the Lord's favour!

5. What was it in these verses that provoked anger from the 'insiders'?

6. Who does the world around us consider as 'outsiders' who you need to announce the good news of Jesus to?

7. How do you announce this good news?

8. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in assisting us to announce hope to the world?

Reveal where false hopes exist

Allan described the world around us as an engine of false hopes. Satan has deceived the people of this world and their souls are blind to the truth.

9. How do people react as we challenge the things that they place their hope in?

10. Can you think of a time when others have responded to you in anger as you revealed the truth of Jesus?

11. Do people you know cling to false hope (entitlement, like the Jews in the synagogue) rather than asking, seeking and knocking?

Jesus was nearly pushed off a cliff but walked right through the angry mob – followers of Jesus will see the awesome salvation of the living God as they endure to the end! That's good news!

