



small groups

Discussion Guide



IBC's Jubilee

Luke 4:14-21

Ice Breaker

(5 minutes)

Discuss

- Have you ever fought a fire? Say, a grease fire in the kitchen or a campfire gone awry? Tell the story.
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Lesson Review

(40 minutes)

Read Luke 4:14-21

In this scene, Jesus didn't choose which Old Testament prophet to read from. Verse 17 says the scroll of Isaiah "was handed to him." But he did choose which chapter to read. Jesus could have read about himself from Isaiah 53

*But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

Or he could have read Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Jesus could have found many other foreshadowings of his life and ministry in Isaiah, but he chose this one.

Read Isaiah 61

Discuss

- Why do you think Jesus chose this chapter for his ministry's inauguration?

We celebrated IBC's 50th birthday recently. And this year, we celebrate freedom from debt. Andy declared this to be IBC's jubilee.

Read Leviticus 8-24

Discuss

- What principles or truths can you draw from this passage?
- What parallels can you draw between the jubilee described in Leviticus and IBC's recent experience?
- What other metaphors did you see in the act of burning our mortgage and celebrating freedom from debt?

Andy talked about what this new freedom makes possible. He warned against taking the wrong lessons from this milestone. Namely, he said we should learn:

1. Not that we're excused to give less, but enabled to give more!
2. Not that we're entitled to serve less, but empowered to serve more!

Then we demonstrated part of what is made possible by our financial freedom by giving away \$220,000 to our partner ministries that serve our homeless neighbors in DFW and trafficking victims in the Philippines.

Discuss

- If you could designate where the next \$100,000 gift should go, what would you choose?
 - Pause and pray for the ministry you named.
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Application

(15 minutes)

This Sunday was a corporate celebration of our collective finances. But that conversation ought to extend to our personal finances as well because our church budget is affected by every family's budget.

Discuss

- Was your family one of the 4,000 that contributed to IBC over the past two years?
- Have you taken advantage of Financial Peace University or any of the money-related ministries of IBC?
- If your personal finances could change dramatically over the next two years like IBC's have, what specifically would you like to see God do?

- Finally, talk about something not money-related: How do you think visitors felt this Sunday? If you visited a church on a day like that would you have been intrigued? Turned off by all the money-talk? Convinced that God is at work?

Finish by praying for those visitors and then for the next 50 years of IBC's debt-free future.

