

RECLAIMING THE MISSION AND MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH

February 2	What was Jesus' personal mission statement?
February 9	Jesus' Call to Love God's People
February 16	The Cost of Becoming Disciples
February 23	Serving Courageously

Luke 4:14-21 (Isaiah 61:1-2)

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

1. How was Jesus received by the audience in the synagogue?
2. How do we define the essential work of the Church?
3. What is "The 2% Rule?"
4. What is our Mission?