

*Divine*  
**"Bread Crumb"**  
*Trails*



**SHEPHERDCHURCH**

# Week 4: Blessings

## Welcome

Tell your Life Group about some good news that you've received in the past 6 months.

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Share about a situation where you hoped for the best-case scenario & it actually happened.

## Worship

As a Life Group, sing or listen to a worship song that focuses on Jesus as our greatest blessing. (examples of songs might include playing songs on YouTube, Google Play, Apple Music, etc. like "Jesus Messiah" by Chris Tomlin or "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"). Then, as a Life Group, briefly reflect on the lyrics and pray.

## Word

Read *Isaiah 61:1-2* and *Luke 4:14-21*.

1. In modern Western culture, what do people generally think of when they hear the words "good news" or "blessing"?

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2. **Luke 4:1-13** describes Jesus' temptation in the desert. How did Jesus' desert experience prepare Him for what we see Him doing in **Luke 4:14-15**?

3. Jesus quotes **Isaiah 61:1-2** when He is teaching in the synagogue. In the video lesson, Mackayla said, "The poor, the captive, the blind, and the oppressed are not just physical descriptions but also spiritual conditions." Share why you agree or disagree.

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4. In **Luke 4:21**, Jesus declared, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." What are some examples from the four Gospels of how Jesus fulfills God's promises in **Isaiah 61:1-2**?

5. Where in your life do you feel spiritually captive or spiritually blind? How can you turn to Jesus to bring strength and freedom?

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6. Read **Leviticus 25:8-17** and **Deuteronomy 15:1-2**. What was the Year of Jubilee, and how does it connect to what Jesus read in **Luke 4:19**?

7. According to **2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2**, what does the “year of the Lord’s favor” mean for us today?

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## Witness

Make sure everyone in the group is up to date on what is going on with your Life Group project. Share one thing you can do this week to be intentional about sharing Jesus' blessings with one or more individuals who are not Christians.

## Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for this Week

- Memorize **Luke 4:18-19**.
- Read **Luke 4** each day for the next 7 days (try reading Luke 4 in a different Bible version each day).
- Read **John 9:39-41; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 1:18; and Colossians 1:13-14**.
  - What do these passages teach about spiritual blindness?
  - How does Jesus give spiritual sight to those who are blind?
  - According to **John 8:36**, what kind of freedom does Jesus offer? How is this different from worldly freedom?
- Read **Luke 4:25-27; 1 Kings 17:7-24; 2 Kings 5; and Acts 10:34-35**.
  - Why did Jesus mention the widow in Zarephath & Naaman the Syrian in **Luke 4:25-27**?
  - How were the widow in Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian blessed?
  - Who are God's blessings for?
  - How do these verses challenge any biases or assumptions we might have about who deserves God's grace?