



# DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

**SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2023**

Topic: Discipleship Essential "Prioritise the Poor"

Luke 4: 14-30

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- We often look at Jesus through our own lens (v14-16)
- But to Know Jesus, we must Know His purpose (v18-19)
- For some, this message is unacceptable (v25-29)
- To love Jesus is to worship Him as the Son of God (20-24)
- As we are called to follow in His footsteps (v 30)



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023

**GROWING & GOING**





Why do you think we love to name-drop? What is the advantage of associating ourselves with the good deeds of others? The locals at first praised Jesus (before they wanted to kill Him) – what was their motivation initially?

Jesus came to earth for a significant purpose. What was that? Do we see ourselves as poor? To be a disciple of Jesus means we are committed to His purposes. How do you think we are going to minister to the poor? (both materially and spiritually poor) What distracts us at times?

The Jewish people thought they were special. And they were - but what offended them was that “pagan” Gentiles were also special to God. Share together how pride robs us of our true calling - as well as our joy. Why is it so important for us to remember we were also spiritually bankrupt?

The Jewish crowd wanted to bring Jesus down – isn’t He just the son of a carpenter? What changes us when we see Jesus as the Son of God? In what areas of your life do you struggle to let Him rule?

Pride will blur our vision. We will see the sin and also despise the people who are involved. Do we have the same love and grace as Jesus for the “poor”? Are we committed to blessing them with the Lord’s favour? Share in your group how you look at people who do terrible things. Are they just too “spiritually poor” to care about?

