



Discussion Questions: Hope Incarnate – November 30, 2014  
Speaker: Aaron Bowes Passage: Luke 4:16-21

### **On the example of Jesus in reaching the lost**

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” Luke 19:10 (NIV)  
The big question is, “Why did God come to earth as a man?” Luke 19:10 says Jesus “came to seek and save the lost.” We are so deeply loved by God that Jesus came on a search and rescue mission to find us! (Quoted from Rick Warren) On the cross, Jesus redeemed us and saved us from being lost. Because his blood was shed, our sins are forgiven. Because of his resurrection we can have new life now and the hope of eternal life in Heaven.

Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me...  
To preach the gospel to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;"

### **THE FOCUS OF A CHRISTLIKE MINISTRY**

Who Jesus is concerned about?

“The poor.” What are types of poverty? \_\_\_\_\_

“The brokenhearted.” \_\_\_\_\_

“The captives.” What are types of prisons? \_\_\_\_\_

“The blind.” What are types of blindness? \_\_\_\_\_

“The oppressed.” What are types of oppression? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Study Questions:**

1. As a christian are you in any way involved in a compassion ministry (personally or at an institution)? Examples: Food Bank, Soup Kitchen, Shelter, Refugees, Treatment center, Jail ministry etc. Would you be willing to try? Please give examples to encourage others.
2. Read: Luke 5:31-32. What did Jesus mean by these contrasting terms: healthy – sick, righteous – sinners?
3. Do you think that the sick or the sinners tend to be more open to the gospel? What is your experience?
4. Read Matthew 11:19 or Luke 7:34. Why was Jesus called “a Friend of Sinners”? (Has anyone ever called you that name?)

5. Read Luke 15:1-2. Why do you think that Jesus was so well liked (popular) among tax collectors and sinners? What can we learn from the love of Christ?
6. Jesus often went to outsiders in society. Who are the Tax Collectors and Samaritans today?
7. Read Matthew 9:9-12. Matthew follows the call of Christ. He then holds a dinner party for Jesus. Who does he invite to this gathering? What can we learn from this example? Is wise to break off all contact with your unsaved friends?
8. Please underline the words "sat at the table" (verse 10) and "eat" (Verse 11). Is a ministry of hospitality a good way to reach out to people?"

**Practical Steps:**

Can you picture yourself doing a ministry of hospitality? When is the last time you invited someone into your home who is "different"? What are the possibilities? Whom could you invite?

What could be the next steps in helping someone who is lost become a Christian? Give some ideas.

"I have given you an example to follow. Now do as I have done to you." John 13:15 (NLT)