

# GOOD NEWS

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Luke 4.1-21

*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,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

- After his time of temptation, Jesus returned "in the power of the Holy Spirit". Is there a link between experiencing God's power and overcoming temptation? Does this mean that we miss out on God's power if we routinely give into temptation?
- Satan chose to tempt Jesus after he'd fasted for forty days and when he was most vulnerable. How did Jesus deal with the temptation? Is this something that could work for us – and what would that look like in our situation?
- Why is it significant that Jesus proclaimed 'good news for the poor'? Is the gospel message actually good news for the poor of our society, or have we made it good news for the middle classes?
- Why did Jesus need to be anointed by the Spirit to proclaim the good news? What does that tell us about needs as bearers of good news? What would 'Spirit anointed good news sharing' look like in your context?
- What does "freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind" look like in our setting? What are people held captive by? How are people blinded? And what things are they oppressed by?
- Who specifically in your life could you share the Good News with? What part of the Good News do they most need to hear?

Big Idea: 'No matter who you are, or what your experiences have been, the message of Jesus Christ is good news for you.'

Break into smaller groups and pray for one another. Share the areas of temptation that you face, and also the times when you are most vulnerable to temptation. Pray for deliverance from evil and temptation.

Pray for specific people in your life who need to hear the Good News. Pray for the ways in which they are held captive, blinded to the truth and oppressed. Pray for God to use you to reach them. Pray that Metro would be a community anointed by the Spirit to bring Good News to thousands of people in Bristol.