

Matthew 25:40 NIV

'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

3) Is _____ and _____

V 18-19

**"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to _____ to the poor.**

**He has sent me to _____ for the
prisoners**

and _____ for the blind,

to _____ free,

19 to _____."

CONCLUSION:

Who can God use for this task?

TOGETHER –

Together for our Neighbors

Luke 4:14-30

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 (quoting Isaiah 61)

"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."

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

23 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

24 “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Our Mission

1) Is _____ . But that’s Good News!

V 14, 18, 24-27

John 14:12-14 NIV

12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (this is that part of scripture where Jesus is speaking of sending the Spirit) 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

2) Is both _____ and _____

V 18-19

Isaiah 61:1-4

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed. [a]*

*2 He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the Lord’s favor has come, [b]
and with it, the day of God’s anger against their enemies.*

*3 To all who mourn in Israel, [c]
he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,
festive praise instead of despair.*

*In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks
that the Lord has planted for his own glory.*

*4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins,
repairing cities destroyed long ago.*

*They will revive them,
though they have been deserted for many generations.*

WHAT NOW?

Modern Assumption: The aim of being a Christian is to go to Heaven

Biblical Assumption: The Christian cooperates with God to bring His Kingdom to earth.