

Sermon Discussion Guide

January 2, 2022

Luke 4:16-30

Responses & Reactions

- What disturbed you, challenged you, or intrigued you in this week's message?

Digging Deeper

- When Jesus announced that he would be bringing God's blessing to people outside of Israel the people in his synagogue responded with anger and probably confusion.
 - Why were they upset?
 - Can you relate to those feelings?
- The church was originally nearly exclusively Jewish but expanded rapidly and swiftly became almost entirely gentile in just one hundred years. That inclusion brought massive social and cultural changes to how the community worshiped and lived.
 - What do you think that experience was like for the Jewish Christians?

Bringing it Home

- If you had to list five things that you would say are part of your cultural expectations of church, what would they be?
 - How would you feel if those were removed or if new Christians didn't like them?
- Christ's church has always been in a state of development. It is a living community and it shows in the diversity of expressions found within.
 - How have you witnessed the church change during your time as a Christian?

