



*Today's Topic: A Message of Hope
Isaiah 61:1-3
Sunday, December 26, 2021*

1. God's Great _____

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim _____ to the poor." Isaiah 61:1a (NIV, 2011)

2. God's Great _____

Isaiah 61:1b-3a

To bind up

The broken hearted

To proclaim

Freedom for captives

Release for prisoners

To proclaim

The Year of the LORD's favor

Day of Vengeance of our God

To comfort

All who mourn

To provide

For those who grieve

To bestow

A crown of beauty

instead of ashes

Oil of joy

instead of mourning

A garment of praise

instead of despair

Fulfilled by Jesus...

“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. He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is _____ in your hearing.’” Luke 4:20-21 (NIV, 2011)

3. God’s Great _____

“They will be called _____ of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.” Isaiah 61:3b (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps: Whom will you invite to rediscover this Person?

Discussion Questions:

1. Which is the more powerful emotion: regret or hope? Discuss the reasons for your response.
2. Read Isaiah 61:1a. Who are the poor that the prophet is addressing? Who in our world would benefit from hearing this same message?
3. Read Isaiah 61:1b-3a. What are various ways in which people will experience the restoring work of this Savior?
4. Read Luke 4:14-21. Why do you think that Jesus chose to read this passage in the synagogue?
5. Read Isaiah 11:1-5 and 61:3b. In what sense are we the “fruit” produced by this Savior?
6. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?