

TALKING POINTS

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LEANING IN

Jesus goes to His home town, goes into the synagogue and He is handed a scroll from Isaiah the prophet. He reads from this section which says “ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free*”

Then he says to everyone in his hometown (even though they didn't believe Him to be a prophet), “*this scripture I have just read has been fulfilled in front of you this very day*”.

This is a beautiful thing that Jesus did in his home town, particularly when he read this particular verse - “*he has anointed me to bring the gospel to the poor*”. And in bringing the Gospel to the poor, the result will always be the same -

Captives will be released - The blind will see - The oppressed will be set free

So the question for us is - *why does this city need the church?* Because Reno is no different now than Nazareth was then:

Because captives need to be released, the blind need to see, and the oppressed to be set free In our city *today*.

Read Luke 4:14-21

What are the needs you see in this city which the church is capable of fulfilling ?

LIVING IT OUT

Just as Jesus was commissioned to bring the Gospel - the “Good News” - to the poor, so we have also been commissioned with the same calling to our friends, families and community today. To accomplish this commission, there are two fundamental needs which must be met on this mission:

The City Needs The Church - because the church proclaims the good news of the Gospel, which always produces the same results in people's lives. When the Gospel is put into action, people are liberated from the power of sin, they are released from the power of death and their eyes are opened to the truth and the oppressed are set free.

Read Ephesians 4:11-13, Hebrews 10:24-25

Why is it important for us as believers to not neglect meeting as a church?

The Church Needs Us - the accomplish the mission of proclaiming the Gospel to a fallen world, it will take all of us being committed to doing the work of the Lord together. We must become an “army” of witnesses to spread the good news of Jesus in this city. We must find where God is already working and *Join Him*. If you make God's agenda yours, you will have the best legacy you can imagine.

Read Ephesians 4:15-16, Matthew 9:35-38

What would it take to trade your agenda for God's and join the army He has called?