



Message Three – The Anointed One

Announcements

- **God in the Mirror** – This is a great opportunity to lead others into life-giving relationships through a God in the Mirror small group beginning March 8th & 9th. Leaders can pick up your leader packets starting March 1st and 2nd at the Small Group Table.
- **101 Starting Point** – Sunday, March 2nd at 5:00pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step towards getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register

Warm-up

We live in a world of rapid change. Do you embrace change or is change difficult for you?

If you embrace change, how do you accomplish this? If change is difficult for you, why do you think that is the case?

In our discussion today we will be looking at our purpose here on Earth. As The Anointed One, Jesus ushers in a new kingdom and, with it, a new purpose for His followers' lives.

Word and Application

Read Luke 4:16-21. These verses note the change in Jesus' life since he left his home in Nazareth. In a very direct manner, he proclaimed to be the Messiah. If you were a fellow townsman of Jesus standing in the synagogue that day as Jesus read from the scroll, how do you think you would have responded to Jesus' claim to be the Messiah? Why do you think the Pharisees responded the way they did?

Jesus announced that he was the Anointed One. It was he who would bring good news to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, forgiveness for the guilty, and freedom and release for those who felt trapped. That was His mission ...and that is your mission.

How do you feel about accepting this mission?

Let's reflect on the 3 priorities that Jesus intends for us to apply to our lives.

1. **Accept the mission.**

Read 1 Peter 2:9. Jesus can bring broken families together, to bind up the brokenhearted, to heal the hurting, and liberate the captives.

How would your life change if you accept this mission of taking joy, praise, worship, and healing out into the public? What are both the risks and benefits of accepting this mission?

2. **Adopt the method.**

Read Isaiah 42:3.

The method of your mission is love. People are important to Jesus.

What does the word *grace* mean to you? What are some ways that you can adopt this same method of unconditional and complete love to impact those around you?

3. **Apply the measurement.**

Read Luke 7:18-20.

The measure of Jesus' success was the *fulfillment* of His mission. Your measure of success is the same.

How can you measure your success of this mission?

Share some examples of how others have been changed because you are fulfilling the mission given you.

Prayer

Ask God to help each person in your small group to accept and apply this mission in their daily lives as a way to grow closer to God and to the purpose he has for their lives. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.