

ROOTS

REDEMPTIVE JUSTICE

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – October 16, 2016

1. Read Luke 4:14-22 and then pray.
2. Pastor Derwin said, "How does Jesus' kingdom come to earth? Through you, the Body of Christ. You are God's plan A." Discuss this statement.

Note: In Luke 4:18-19, Jesus is citing Isaiah 61:1-2 and Isaiah 58:6 is a proclamation by Jesus that He is the anointed One of Yahweh.

- In its original context, Isaiah 61:1-2 proclaimed comfort for God's oppressed people. Jesus uses it in a similar fashion here, proclaiming Himself to be God's Servant, the Messiah, arriving to deliver His suffering and oppressed people (see Luke 4:21).
- Jesus identifies Himself as the bearer of good news to the poor and evokes imagery reminiscent of the Year of Jubilee—an observance occurring every 50 years in which debt was forgiven and property restored (Lev 25). Jesus connects His ministry to not just salvation, but good news for all on the underside of power.

WHAT IS REDEMPTIVE JUSTICE?

Discuss the following:

3. Justice for God's people is not about freedom, rights, individualism, or the pursuit of happiness.
4. Justice for God's people entails loving God and loving self.
 - Read Luke 4:18-19. What did Jesus the Messiah come to do and how does this affect how you view God and yourself?
5. Justice for God's people entails loving others. The local church is to be a teacher, displaying to the world how God's family lives and loves each other.
 - Read Colossians 3:10-15 to see how Paul taught the churches in Colossi. Discuss.
6. Justice for God's people entails loving the world.
 - Read Matthew 25:31-46 and discuss.

Soul-tattoo: Participate in God's redemptive justice.