UNDER SEPTEMBER 3-OCTOBER 16

LIFEGROUPS

Series: Unraveling

Bible Focus: Isaiah 61:1-11

Date: Sept. 17 & 18, 2016

—[LET'S TALK]—

• What's the most recent compliment you've received and really taken to heart?

-[CHOOSE 1 SIDE]-

 –[LET'S WARM UP]– In the face of an unraveling world, what attitudes have you seen in others? How do you react when you hear and read about evil things in this world? 	 –[LET'S WARM UP]– How often do people talk in terms of good and evil? Why do you think that is? Why is it so difficult to talk about sin as the driver of injustice in the world?
 [LET'S DIG]— Read Luke 4:16-21, Romans 5:1-11, and discuss Hope and Christ's Jubilee. 1. What is the Jubilee Christ speaks of in Luke? How does He bring Jubilee? 2. Why are you able to have steadfast hope in the face of evil and darkness? 3. How can you celebrate hope while people are suffering right now? 4. How are hope and suffering connected? 	 [LET'S DIG] Read Mark 7:20-23, 1 John 1:5-10, and discuss knowing and dealing with sin. 1. Why do people want to blame things other than sin as the cause of evil? 2. What is sin? What makes it different from a mistake? 3. How does neglecting or ignoring our own sin cause problems for us and the world? 4. What is the only way to truly end sin's effects in our lives and the world?

–[LET'S ACT]—

• Aim to share Christ's Jubilee with others (especially someone on your Adopt 7)! Grab a friend, or on your own brainstorm some ways that you can show and share the reality of Christ's Jubilee with at least one person this week. Take a mental note of how this impacts your view of current world events!



-[SERMON REVIEW]-

- Extra scriptures referenced: [Lev 25:8-22] [Lk 4:16-21]
- God never designed you for sin. God intended us to contain His presence and live by His Word of truth. Sin breaks God's design. The evidence is all around us. Sin is destructive!
- Sin makes a person poor both spiritually and economically. Jesus comes to preach good news to the poor.
- Sin breaks your heart; it depresses and discourages you. We've all felt this. Jesus comes to heal the broken-hearted.
- Sin blinds us to the truth. Think of the devastation that is caused by lies. Jesus brings release from darkness and freedom for the captives.
- Sin reduces our lives to ashes. It reduces our world to ashes. Yet, Jesus "proclaims the year of the Lord's favor," or Jubilee! During the year of Jubilee not only were your debts cancelled and your servants set free, but if you lost your land to foreclosure it was restored to your family!
- The Jubilee that Jesus brings is due to Jesus, the King of Kings, coming to us and saying: I'll give you my beauty, for your ashes, my joy for your sadness, my garment of praise for your despair, my righteousness for your unrighteousness. I'll become weak so you can become strong.
- In the midst of this chaotic world we are called by God to proclaim His Jubilee for the world!

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