

DEEP



WIDE

SERMON NOTES



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Deep & Wide: Sermon Notes

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# WIDE-SERVICE

## DEEP & WIDE RECAP

- Resources & Media: [nola.vcmvmt.com/deepandwide](http://nola.vcmvmt.com/deepandwide)
- Jesus modeled the rhythm of the Christian life—deep and wide.
- Vintage Church will grow deep by focusing on who we are becoming in Jesus and we will grow wide by focusing on who we are inviting into Jesus.

We can go wide when we serve others' physical and spiritual needs through our words and actions.

*<sup>14</sup>And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.*

*<sup>16</sup>And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,*

*<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

*<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

Luke 4:14-21

## SERVE OTHERS

### IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*<sup>14</sup>And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit*

Luke 4:14a

*<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me*

Luke 4:18a

- Jesus as the Messianic Servant
- The Church and the Holy Spirit

*<sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.*

Ephesians 1:13-14

*<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*

1 Corinthians 3:16

*<sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Acts 1:8

- The church is the body of Christ because of the Spirit of Christ
- The same Spirit in Christ chooses, empowers, and commissions us
- Are you following the Holy Spirit?

## THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF YOUR WORDS

*<sup>18</sup>to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives*

Luke 4:18b

*<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Luke 4:19

- Jesus is the Spirit-empowered prophet
- The Church is Spirit-empowered prophets
  - If the power of the Spirit is upon you what you say will be Spirit-empowered and Spirit-influenced
  - Who you speak for and how you speak is just as important as what you say
  - Are your words doing nothing, tearing others down, or serving others?

## WITH THE HEALING OF YOUR HANDS

*<sup>18</sup>He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,*

Luke 4:18b-c

- Jesus didn't just talk about it; he did something about it.

*<sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

Matthew 14:14

- People aren't a distraction; they're the mission.
- The church is the body of Christ
  - When we serve others we're extending the kingdom work Jesus began
  - Are your actions doing nothing, tearing others down, or serving others?

## HOW SHOULD I SERVE?

- What are the needs around me?
- Which needs am I passionate about?
- Which needs am I uniquely gifted and/or qualified to serve?
- What's holding me back from serving?

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon US, because he has anointed US to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent US to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

- How will we serve others?
- How will you make service a spiritual habit?