

# Group Leader Guide

## Rewatch the Sermon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opmFnmbY-ls>

## Sermon Summary

Pastor Rodney Sallee reflects on Luke 4:31-44, emphasizing the importance of understanding the message rather than fixating on the sensational aspects. Jesus achieved successful results because he was doing the will of the Father. The sermon focuses on Jesus' authority in teaching, his emphasis on the message over miracles, and his fulfillment of the Father's will. Believers today have access to the same power through the Holy Spirit, and they are urged to recognize their calling and have faith in God's ability to work through them. The sermon concludes with a prayer for salvation.

## Ice Breaker

If you were a teacher, what unusual subject would you love to teach and why?

## Discussion Questions

1. Why was Jesus' teaching different from other teachers and powerful?

*Pastor Sallee noted that Jesus' preaching was different from what the people were used to because he spoke with confidence and power, instead of burdening them with traditions and regulations.*

*How can we try to model our own way of sharing the gospel message with the confidence and power that Jesus had?*

2. Why was the message that Jesus preached more important than the miracles he performed?

*Pastor Sallee stresses that faith in God is more important and Jesus' ministry was centered on proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God and encouraging repentance and acceptance.*

*How can we focus less on the miraculous aspects of faith and more on the important messages that Jesus taught?*

3. What was the main purpose of Jesus' ministry, according to Pastor Sallee?

*Pastor Sallee points out that Jesus' ministry was successful because he was fulfilling the will of the Father, which involved proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God to all the towns and cities.*

*How can we incorporate the will of the Father and the purpose of Jesus' ministry into our own lives and actions?*

4. How can believers access the same power and authority that Jesus had in his ministry?

*Pastor Sallee highlights that the same power and authority that Jesus had in his ministry is available to believers today through the Holy Spirit.*

*In which areas of our lives do we need the power and authority of the Holy Spirit the most, and how can we seek it?*

5. What is the significance of Luke 4:31-44 and its connection to Jesus' ministry?

*This passage from the Book of Luke is where Jesus' teaches in the synagogue and casts out demons, showcasing the authority of his teachings and the importance of his message.*

*How can we apply the teachings of Jesus found in this passage to improve our own understanding and implementation of the gospel message?*

## **Prayer** 🙏

• Ask the group for any specific prayer requests they might have. • Pray for God's help in applying the teaching authority of Jesus to the group's own lives, asking for the courage and wisdom to speak about faith with confidence and power. • Request God's guidance in focusing on His message rather than seeking miracles, and to deepen the group's faith even when miracles do not seem apparent. • Pray for each member's understanding of their own calling according to God's will and for their commitment to spreading the gospel. • Seek God's reminder of the salvation offered through Jesus, and pray for those who are yet to know Him.