

Sugar River United Methodist Church

SERMON OUTLINE for Sunday, October 11, 2009

Series: FACEBOOK@SugarRiverUMC ~ Social Networking
Week #3: SERVE to alleviate suffering and offer hope
Text: Luke 4:14-21 Pastor Gary Holmes

1. A Place or a People

Resource: *Missional Church* by Darrell Guder

Church...a place where...

Church...a people who...

2. The Mission of the Church

Jesus set the mission early...Luke 4:14-21

- Good news to the poor
- Release to the captives
- Sight to the blind
- Freedom to the oppressed

3. Serving is....

- Essential (Matthew 4:10, serve God only)
- Transitional (Matthew 20:20-28, servant leader)
- Transformational (Romans 7:6, new way of the Spirit)
- Communal (1 Peter 4:10-11, serve others)
- Normal (1 Corinthians 12:8, each on is given)

4. What are the possibilities for you and me?

TAKING IT HOME

9. What are some roadblocks to serving others? How can we, as a church and a growth group work to overcome them? Give specific examples.

10. What specific ways can we serve one another within this growth group? How can those in your small group help you with that for which you are currently mourning?

11. As a member of Sugar River, what should be expected of you in the area of service? Are you currently meeting this expectation?

12. Write 1 service goal that you can accomplish over the next week.

PRAYER GUIDE

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Asbury UMC (our mother church)

Pray for healing:

Linda Cook's daughter, vision problems

Diane Lukas at home

Pray for:

Health, safety and recovery of victims of Samoas tsunami & the earthquakes in Indonesia

First UMC in Ft Atkinson, their pastor John Wells and their 446 members.

Verona Crop Walk Oct 11

Confirmation Retreat Oct 16-17

Sugar River Chartering Oct 18

Adult mission trip to Mississippi Nov 7-15

GROWTH GUIDE – Sugar River UMC

For the week of October 4, 2009

Welcome to the Fall quarter week two of Growth Groups!

This week we kick off our Fall Growth Group session. To prepare, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great next meeting! You still welcome to join a group, contact Pastor Gary.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Relate a time when you stuck up for someone else or a group of people even though you may have been in the minority in doing so.

2. Describe your best leadership ability and/or service skill.

3. If you could go anywhere and do anything in the name of God, where would you go and what would you do?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Luke 4:14-21

4. In what way are you poor, a prisoner, blind, and/or oppressed (v. 18)?

5. Give specific examples of how we can take part in fulfilling Jesus' service mission at Sugar River? Within your Growth Group? In your everyday life?

6. In Luke 4:21, what was the meaning of Jesus' words?

Read Isaiah 61: 1-2 (NIV)

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

7. Both the prophetic work in Isaiah 61:1 and the words of Jesus in the synagogue begin with the same words: "the spirit of the Lord is upon me." Why were those words important to Jesus and why are they important to us in fulfilling his mission?

8. Do you feel there is significance to the fact that Jesus directly quotes some parts of the passage while summarizing other parts?