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*Written for Sunday, January 24, 2015*

*Epiphany – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Lectionary Year C*

**Scripture:** [Luke 4:14-21](#) [ **Summary:** *We fulfill scripture by listening* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies are needed

**ASK** (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- Have you ever had a parent or teacher say, "Are you listening to me?"
- Or maybe they were a little bit upset and so they said, "What did I just *tell* you?"
- But if they REALLY want you to listen (because you probably haven't been earlier) they then say your first, middle, and last name before saying what they want you to hear...
- Ever have any of those things happen?

**TELL** (a.k.a [The Freeway](#))

- I ask you these questions to remind us that SOMETIMES, just sometimes, we don't always listen.
- And other times, though we might hear what a person is saying, we don't always act on what those people are telling us.
- And guess what -- adults do the exact same thing.
- Which is why in today's scripture story, Jesus is telling the people that the good news that he's reading in the scripture will be fulfilled in their hearing.
- What Jesus means when he says this is this: If the people would listen to and then DO what they hear in the reading of the scripture, then the good news would actually *happen*.

## **SHARE the Good News** (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- The good news we hear would happen in today's scripture story is this:
  - that people would be able to see clearly
  - that the not-free would be free
  - that everyone would know and remind each other of God's favor and love
- Sounds pretty good, doesn't it?
- On top of that, Jesus invites us to follow him so that we can learn how to better listen to God and understand the scripture.
- Then, when we follow Jesus and learn to better listen to God and better understand scripture, this helps us to better share God's healing, love and forgiveness with each other.
- And, when we do THAT, scripture is being fulfilled and the good news is *happening*
- That's the Good News for today
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

## **CLOSING Prayer**

**Dear God,**

Dear God,

**Thank you for Jesus...**

Thank you for Jesus...

**...who helps us ...**

...who helps us...

**...to better hear you...**

...to better hear you...

**...and better understand you.**

...and better understand you.

**...with others.**

...with other.

**Amen**