

Needing rescue is universal and being rescued is transformational.

Luke 5:8 (NLT) - When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."

Luke 4:16-21 (NLT) - When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. ¹⁷The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, ¹⁹ and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." ²⁰He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. ²¹Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

Luke 19:9-10 (NLT) - Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Discussion Questions

Is today the day you would like to experience rescue? If so pray with someone to receive that rescue as the gift that changes everything!

What is your story of rescue?

How has God rescued you?

Study Guide

This last Sunday we spoke about how needing rescue is universal and being rescued is transformational. Take a moment to share again with the people around you of how God has rescued you.

Some of the stories in the Bible of rescue are dramatic, and some are powerful but simple. Take a moment to read John 8:1-11.

As you read that story, what stands out to you about Jesus and how He rescues? As you reflect on that, what does this verse tell you about how we are called to participate in the rescue of others?

Jesus rescues the woman in this story from those that wanted to harm her and also invites her to be rescued from her sin. It is in many ways a dramatic story, but it also demonstrates the simple application of grace and forgiveness that also invites people to be set free.

Spend some time praying with each other that God would present you with opportunities to participate in inviting others to the rescue that Jesus gives.