Sermon Guide – Sept. 13, 2020 – KINDOM – IN Connection

Luke 4:16-21 (NRSV)

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

**18**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
    because he has anointed me  
        to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
    and recovery of sight to the blind,  
        to let the oppressed go free,  
**19**to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

**20**And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. **21**Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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In my sermon, I share the words of the hymn, “Help Us Accept Each Other.” I think it is important to note the word “accept.” It is “accept,” not “tolerate.” There is a difference between putting up with somebody and really accepting them for who they are. Can you think of someone or a group of someones who you “tolerate?” What would it take for you to be able to accept them?

Prayer: Gracious God, help me to recognize that living in the name of your Son can sometimes be uncomfortable. Give me the strength to humble myself to all of those I encounter. Amen.

**Daily Scriptures:**

Monday: Matthew 11:28 Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Wednesday: John 3:16-17 Thursday: Matthew 25:37-40

Friday: John 1:1-5 Saturday: Psalm 104:33 Sunday: REST!

Where is God’s KINdom being revealed in your community?