

# MASTERPIECE

## Week 4: Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 | 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### FOCAL POINT

Over the last several weeks, we have said that Jesus is God's masterpiece. He is the self-portrait of God in the flesh and blood. He lived and walked the earth as fully human while being fully God. And He makes us sharers in the divine nature of God.

This week, we get a glimpse into the beginning of Jesus' public ministry through an account at the Nazareth synagogue. Jesus unrolls the scroll of prophet Isaiah and reads the passage. The words he read over 2000 years ago still apply to our lives today.

### SCRIPTURE

Read aloud from the Gospel of Luke. Then read aloud two more times.  
Ask the group what words or phrases jump out at them and why?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think "fulfilled in your hearing" means?
2. How do you think the people of Nazareth responded to this message from Jesus?
3. Who are the poor, captive, blind, and oppressed?
4. Do you identify as poor, as captive, as blind, as oppressed?

### APPLICATION

The poor, the captives, the blind, those who are oppressed. That is us. But there is good news. We are the people for whom Jesus came! Christ comes precisely to rescue us. Jesus is speaking to you in this week's Gospel: Good news for the poor, liberty for the captives and the oppressed, sight for the blind, the permanent and eternal year of the Lord's favor. All of these are yours in Christ. He shows you the way and says, "Follow me."