CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

Sermon Discussion Questions: October 18, 2026

Christ's Vision

Passage: Luke 4:16-30

1. **Jesus' vision for his kingdom (Luke 4:16–21)**
   Jesus announces good news, liberty, and restoration for those suffering under the power and effects of sin. Which aspect of this vision most resonates with you right now? How does Jesus' work on the cross give you hope for the renewal of your life and the world?

2. **The temptation to limit God's grace (Luke 4:22–30)**
   The people of Nazareth wanted Jesus' blessings for themselves, but resisted the idea that God's grace would extend beyond their community. Where might we be tempted to want God to bless our own lives, families, or church without considering the people beyond our usual circles? Why can it be difficult to welcome people who are different from us?

3. **A church for God's mission**
   The sermon reminds us that God does not simply have a mission for his church; he has a church for his mission. How does this reshape the way you think about the purpose of the local church? How might CGS's vision of new life in Christ, restored relationships, and flourishing in our communities challenge or encourage us?

4. **See, Love, Do: Practicing ordinary faithfulness**
   The sermon invites us to pray for eyes to see people who need the grace of Christ, hearts to love those we might otherwise overlook, and wisdom to do something concrete in our existing relationships and responsibilities. Which of these three is most challenging for you right now? What is one practical way you could embody the love of Christ in your home, workplace, school, or neighborhood?

5. **Rescued to join Jesus' mission**
   Jesus gave himself to rescue us when we did not love him, so that we might love others who may not love us. How does remembering Christ's grace motivate us to move beyond our comfort and serve others? Who is one person or group of people for whom you can pray and toward whom you can take a step of Christlike love this week?