



Growing FAITH at home

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY

YEAR C

**Freedom
through
God's spirit**



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What would your life be like if you were in prison or blind?
2. Jesus said that he came to declare freedom for the prisoners and sight to the blind. You have been set free from sin – how does this impact your life?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
M	Nehemiah 8:1-10	Ezra reads the law
T	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Unity and diversity in the body
W	Luke 6:6-11	Jesus heals in the synagogue
T	Acts 14:1-7	Paul & Barnabas in the synagogue
F	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	The power of God's Word
S	Psalm 19	Heavens declare the glory of God

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to
proclaim good news to the poor.

LUKE 4:18





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Blindfold a member of the household for the duration of a meal or evening. Sit down and talk about the experience.

Research what it means to be held captive in the world today and find some examples.

Pray for these people.

Visit the websites www.persecution.org and www.persecution.com to learn of particular people and situations that need prayer at this time.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Come Lord Jesus;
fill us with your
Spirit and this food.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank
you for making us
part of your body.
Help us to work
together to do
your work. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

When Jesus attended the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth he read to them from the book of Isaiah. Volunteer as a household to lead the Bible readings one Sunday at your church. Practise together at home. Also consider volunteering for other duties at your church. For example, cleaning, serving coffee, ushering.



BLESSING

In Christ you are
free! May God's
Spirit strengthen
you as you share
the good news.