

**DISCUSSION AND STUDY GUIDE –SEASON THREE, EPISODE THREE**  
**PHYSICIAN HEAL YOURSELF**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**ISAIAH 61: 1 – 3**

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; God has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners. To announce a year of favour from the Lord, and a day of vindication by our God; to comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion, a diadem instead of ashes. To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning; a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit.

**PSALM 40:17 / ISAIAH 25:4**

As for me, since I am poor in spirit and needy, keep me in your thoughts, O Lord. You are my helper and my Saviour. O my God do not delay.

You are a tower of refuge for the poor in spirit, a tower of refuge to the needy in distress

You are a refuge from the storm and a shelter from the heat.

**TABLE TALK**

- What impacted you in this episode? Who was the most interesting character? What connected to you personally?
- Consider what it might have been like to be friends with Jesus as a child and witness him preach as an adult?
- The box in this episode was not in scripture. What is in the box? What was the significance of the history of what Joseph passed down to Jesus? What do you think the bridle will be used for?
- The episode documents Jesus’ return to Nazareth as described in Luke 4: 16 – 30. What did you think of the scenes of the “hometown boy” being famous?
- What was significant about Jesus reading Isaiah 61:1-2 in the synagogue? What did Jesus claim after reading it? Why was what Jesus claimed so impossible for them to accept?
- After Jesus declares that he is the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, some of those listening question how the son of a carpenter like Joseph could really be God’s anointed one. Jesus anticipates that they will want him to prove himself by performing the same miracles among them that he did elsewhere. In response, Jesus reminds them of a couple of stories in the Old Testament. What point was he making based on these stories?
- Rabbi Benjamin accused Jesus of being a false prophet and invoked Deuteronomy 18:20 *“But if a prophet presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded, or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”* What

about this scene of Jesus being condemned to death impacted you? Why do you think they were so angry with him?

- If you were in the synagogue listening to Jesus' claims that day, would you have believed him or would you have wanted him to be put to death? Explain.
- When the Son of God became human, he voluntarily took on some of the limitations and weaknesses of humanity. What are some ways episode three highlighted these limitations that Jesus underwent? Jesus depended on others to meet his needs and teach him. What are some ways that episode three showed Jesus learning from and depending on others?
- In this episode, Jesus taught about spiritual poverty. What do you think Jesus was trying to help his listeners understand?
- Jesus is shown going to a sealed tomb, which we learn is Joseph's. What is profound about this moment?
- Jesus told Mary and Lazarus at the tomb, "There's no turning back now. Not after today?" What does he mean?

#### **SCRIPTURE CONNECTED TO THIS EPISODE**

- Luke 4: 14 – 30 Jesus is rejected at Nazareth
- Isaiah 61: 1 – 2 Good news for the oppressed
- Isaiah 53 Description of Jesus
- Deuteronomy 18:20
- 1 Kings 17:8 – 16 Story of widow of Sidon
- 2 Kings 5: 1 – 19 Story of Naaman