



God's Call to Ministry

Isaiah 61:1-4 and Luke 4:16-21

These passages from the Bible help us see God's compassion for people and serve as a foundation for our call to follow Jesus Christ in caring for people today.

Jesus describes his mission in [Luke 4:18-19](#). It is rooted in God's Word to Isaiah the prophet. Read the following verses and pray that God's Word will speak to you.

Hearing the Word

1. Read [Isaiah 61:1-4](#) and [Luke 4:16-21](#). What types of people are mentioned? Describe ways people today express these characteristics. Give examples from your work in healthcare.
2. From the Isaiah text, describe the different actions of the "anointed and sent" person. How can nurses reflect these characteristics today?
3. In Isaiah 61:3-4, identify results or outcomes of God's ministry among people. Describe what these outcomes could look like today, including examples of "oaks of righteousness."
4. God anoints and sends people to bring his compassion and justice to others. What is your experience of being "anointed and sent?" What steps can you take to enhance your growth in this reality?

Responding to the Word

As followers of Jesus Christ, these verses from Isaiah and Luke can help to shape our mission, calling and priorities in nursing and healthcare. How do you sense God is calling you to respond to His Word in these passages?

Write your response in a prayer. Consider sharing it with a friend.