**“Jesus & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” Part 4**

**April May 17 & 18**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Icebreaker:** When was the last time you didn’t get picked for a job, team, or school? What was that like?

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Luke 4:16-30**

Read the passage:

* What is happening in this passage?
* What do I see about God? What is God doing (or inviting us) in this passage?
* What do I see about man? What are people doing?

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Tap about a time when you’ve regretted a past decision. What was it? What would you differently today?
   1. How would you feel if that decision defined the rest of your life?
2. Tom’s first teaching point was Sometimes the people who know your past can’t see your purpose.
   1. Do you feel as if sometimes people hold your past against you?
   2. How can you remind yourself that you are defined by what God says about you?
   3. Maybe sometimes it’s us that holds someone’s past agains them. If that is you who is that person and how can we change our view of them to reflect their current purpose?
3. Secondly Time pointed out that rejection often reveals what’s in our heart.
   1. What does rejection reveal about your own heart? Is that accurate or is that soothing you’d like to change?
   2. Do you feel a sense of awe and wonder over what God is doing?
      1. If no how can you stir your heart to more tender towards his activity around you?
4. Lastly, Tom taught that we don’t need God’s approval to fulfill God’s assignment for your life.
   1. As Jesus faced rejection from people in his hometown he didn’t fight them, or even defend himself. He just walked away.
      1. Is there anyone or any group that God is directing you to distance yourself from?
      2. How can we do this in a loving yet humble way?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Pray for anyone that is facing the pain of rejection currently.