

Welcome to Sierra Community Church



*Celebrating an amazing
God in an amazing place!*

Picnic With a Purpose

Sunday, August 26th @ Tahoe Paradise Park

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Mouth-watering Tri-tip dinner

Raffle - Games - Baptisms

Cost: \$10.00

Children 5 & Under \$3.00



All proceeds to help the Adult Navajo Mission Trip

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Jesus

In Real Life.

Making Jesus' Mission - Your Own.

Luke 4:14-21

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I NEED that in my life!

I've **EXPERIENCED** that in
my life!

I KNOW PEOPLE that
need to experience
these things.

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Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lords favor.

²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Jesus' Homecoming!

* Area around
the Galilee

around



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Jesus' Homecoming!

- * Jesus has already been doing ministry in and around the Galilee area. vs.14
- * Jesus Still Goes to Synagogue (Church). vs.15
- * Jesus **preached**, what he was **ALREADY practicing!** vs.18&19

Jesus' mission of RESTORATION

- * To proclaim good news to the poor. Isaiah 61:1
- * To heal the brokenhearted. Isaiah 61:1
- * To bring freedom for the prisoner. Isaiah 61:1
- * To restore sight to the blind. Isaiah 42:7
- * To set the oppressed free. Isaiah 58:6
- * To proclaim the year of God's favor. Isaiah 61:2

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* To proclaim **good news to the poor**. Isaiah 61:1

Material Poverty: Nearly half of the world's population live on less \$2 a day & about 1 billion people live on less than a \$1 a day.

Spiritual Poverty: People are unaware of God's love, purpose and provision for them.

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Disappointment: When things (plans, dreams, children) don't turn out the way we hoped.

Rejection: Being turned down by people you love or people you assumed cared about you.

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Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to

the brokenhearted.

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Addictions: Drugs, adrenaline, relationships, pornography and other compulsions that inhibit our ability to experience the fullness of life that God intended.

Secrets: Personal experiences that we feel we can't share.

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Fear: Anxieties that we allow to control our lives and rob us of becoming the people God wants us to be.

Unforgiveness: To fully experience God's forgiveness, we **HAVE** to learn to extend it to others.

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Relational: Often we are unaware of our self-defeating behavior.

Spiritual: Closing ourselves off to God's goodness and grace, believing we can get along without Him in our lives.

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* *To set the oppressed free.* Isaiah 58:6

Social/Religious: People all around world who are unable to express their opinions and beliefs.

Slavery: There are an estimated 27 million people enslaved today.

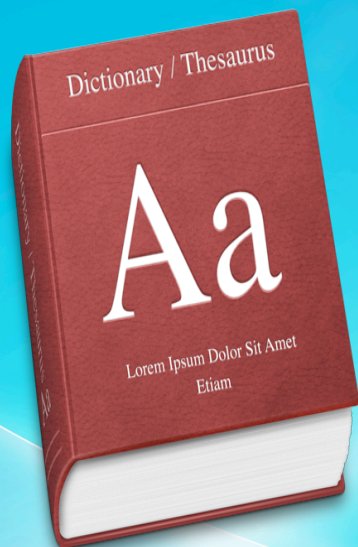
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American Heritage Dictionary:

Favor: an act of kindness beyond what is due or usual.



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Sabbath: A day of rest every week - begins sunset Friday night and end Saturday night.

Sabbath Year: Every 7th year - rest for the people, land and animals.

Year of Jubilee: Every 50th year - Slaves set free, debts cancelled & land returned to owner.

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The Sabbath System reminds us:

To Rest: Life is about more than just what we produce!

Everything is on loan: We don't really own anything.

Trust God to Provide: God knows your needs.

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OUR mission of RESTORATION

1. Jesus is *our example* and He gives us a “coach” and the power to follow Him!
2. The work of Restoration: We both *experience it and participate* in it.
3. Participating in His work is the best way to help others see who God is and what He’s all about!

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