



# STUDY GUIDE

## JESUS—GOD & MAN 02.10.2019

### [start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:  
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### SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, February 24—Daniel Henderson speaking in all services  
February 25-March 1—Seek Week

### [set up]

Tell a story about a time that you gave someone close to you advice and they dismissed it or when *you were given* advice by someone close to you and you dismissed it.

Why do we tend to ignore, dismiss, or even debate the observations, advice, or warnings from the people closest to us?

### [digging deeper]

**Read through Luke 4:16-30** (Optional—You can also look at Matthew 13:53-58 and Mark 6:1-6)

What is one major observation that stood out to you from this passage?

Explain what Jesus was communicating by saying these phrases:

- “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”
- “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”
- “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.”

How was familiarity with Jesus by the people in His hometown of Nazareth an obstacle to them believing? Although we know there are many unreached people groups (UPG) in the world who have never heard the name “Jesus,” there are others in our society who can be so familiar with hearing about Jesus that it becomes an obstacle to them believing in Him as Savior. Why do you think that happens?

What point was Jesus making by telling the story of the Widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian commander? (Note: It would be helpful to read the context of each story from 1 Kings 17 & 2 Kings 5.)

How does this tie back to what Jesus quoted in Isaiah 61?

How do we see pride still being a very significant obstacle to people believing in Jesus as Savior?

When you think about your own faith journey to Christ, share which one was a greater struggle for you – being too familiar with Jesus to see Him for who He really is or being too prideful to need Jesus?

### **[living it out]**

As you commit to follow Christ and live as an “everyday missionary” looking to share Christ where you live, work, and play, it’s very important to assess what might be preventing those you share Christ with from believing in Jesus. Today, take focused time and pray for those who you hope will come to Christ by praying that God will remove the obstacles of familiarity and pride that keep them from believing. Ask God to help you have the courage, timing, and words to boldly share your faith in Jesus.

If these two obstacles have crept back into your life and are weakening your faith and intimacy with Christ, confess it and ask God to help you overcome them.