

God see's the Excluded Questions:

The passages that I spoke about were from Luke 4 and Isaiah 61.

Luke has Jesus introduce his ministry with a passage from Isaiah, and says 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled'.

The scripture is question is about restoration.

Those who have been unfairly exiled from the land of Israel being brought back inside the land – prisoners freed, bodies healed, oppressed people lifted up.

I posited the idea (building on liberation theologians) that these were not merely meant to be taken as metaphors for spiritual enlightenment or heavenly future moments somewhere beyond the horizon, but rather that the establishment of Israel (in Isaiah) or the arrival of God's anointed in Luke was meant to bring these things in in a real way.

- So the first question might be – do you agree?
- Are we meant to see such things now or are they really a dream of a future kingdom?

Other questions:

- Who are the oppressed around us?
- These seem like really hard things to do – what has God given us (personally, or corporately) to help us to do the work of liberation.
- Do we only need to work on a small scale or should be fighting a larger political battle to deal with the structures that cause the problems?
 - In either case, what actions can we take?
- I also said – 'Spiritual healing and physical/structural restoration go hand in hand'
 - Do you find it easy to think of these things as two parts of the same things?
 - How do we find a balance between working for physical needs and spiritual ones?
 - Do you think prayer works?
 - How do you think prayer works (especially thinking on a large scale, like war, patriarchy, racism etc).