God and Man Through the Bible – Session 12

The Early Ministry of Jesus

Warm Up Questions:

Who do you think Jesus was? What have you learned about Jesus?

Read John 2:1-11 Turning Water into Wine

- Where did Jesus go and what kind of celebration was happening? What problem did the people have? (verse 3) How would you feel if you were the host?
- 2 What did Jesus tell the servants to do? What happened to the water?
- What did the disciples think about Jesus? Why do you think Jesus did this "miraculous sign?"

Read Mark 1:16-20 The Calling of the First Disciples

- Who did Jesus see as He was walking along the shore? What did Jesus say to them?
- 5 What was their response? Who else followed Jesus in verse 19 and 20?
- If Jesus called you to follow Him, how would you respond? How much do you think you need to know about Jesus before you can follow Him? What do you think Jesus might want you to do?

Read <u>Luke 2:16-21</u> The Teaching in the Synagogue

- 1 Where was Jesus and what did He do there?
- Which book from the Old Testament did He read from? Jesus says the "Spirit of the Lord is upon me" then lists 4 things it is prophesied that He will do. What are those 4 things? How do we know that Jesus is talking about Himself? Is there a clue?
- 3 From what you know about Jesus so far, did He do these things?

Read Matthew 5:1-12 The Sermon on the Mount

- 4 Where did Jesus teach? What different kinds of people did Jesus talk about?
- Why do you think that God blesses these kinds of people? Does it surprise you? What kinds of people seem to be missing from this list? Why do you think that is?
- 6 Can you identify or relate to any of these people? Which one do you feel most like?
- 7 Has God blessed you? How do you feel blessed?

Summary

Jesus had a very active ministry during His life. Mostly we see Him healing people miraculously; preaching privately and to crowds; and spending time with His family, followers, friends and also those who were seen as outcasts.