

**EVENING WORSHIP**

**5 February 2006**

**Text: Luke 4:18-19**

**Title: Anointed to Preach**

**(I) IMPORTANCE OF THE MINISTRY OF PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL**

**1. Important enough to have it recorded in the prophetic Scriptures**

*“It was written...” Luke 4:17*

**2. Important enough to describe the involvement of the Spirit of God**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me...” Luke 4:18*

**3. Important enough to make a specific mention of preaching the Gospel**

*“To preach the Gospel to the poor” Luke 4:18*

**(II) A VITAL THEOLOGICAL WORD OF CONFIRMATION**

*“For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel...” 1 Corinthians 1:17*

*“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God...” 1 Corinthians 1:18*

**(III) APPROPRIATE RESPONSES**

**1. Understanding of the Ministry**

a) Nature of Ministry

b) Scope of Ministry

c) Challenges of Ministry

**2. Unique Challenges of the Ministry**

a) To reach out to the poor

b) To minister to the broken-hearted

c) To reach out to the captives

d) To open blind eyes

e) To minister to those who are oppressed

f) To “proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord”

#### **(IV) PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

##### **1. Equipping for ministry**

a) Prayer

b) Knowledge

c) Readyng heart/mind/spirit

##### **2. Embracing the Ministry**

a) Heartfelt

b) Commitment

c) Consuming passion for soul-winning work