

Worship Material
Tough Love
Material from Roots Bible Study
Sunday 2nd February

Begin with an opening prayer

Loving God,
your love is immeasurably more than we could ever understand.
Draw us deeper into the truth of your love for us
and help us to reflect that love in our daily lives.
Amen.

Read. Luke 4:21-30

Bible Notes

After Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah (Luke 4:17-19), he returns to his seat. He has fulfilled his intention to announce his purpose and his personhood. However, his message is not received with faith and he is doubted. Through his reading of this Scripture and proclamation in verse 21, Jesus identifies himself as the long promised Messiah, but his listeners can only see him as the son of Joseph. Jesus shows that he fulfils the promises given to Israel. Jesus is identifying himself as a prophet of the type of Elijah and Elisha. Citing them, he indicates that knowledge of God and of Christ will come from outside of Israel. This does not go down well.

Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
so much of who and what you are has been gifted to us by those around us.

We give you thanks and praise.

So much of our relationship with you and our spiritual growth
has been gifted by those who worship with us.

We give you thanks and praise.

So many of your examples of love comfort us, uphold us, sustain us
and create in us a yearning to love more as we are loved.

We give you thanks and praise.

Amen.

A prayer to conclude

Loving God, thank you for your great love for us,
love which is patient, kind, protecting and persevering.
Help us to take your love out with us this week
and show it to those who feel they are outside of your family.
Give us your heart for those who don't yet know you.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.