

Lord, when you entered the synagogue in Galilee, you were handed the text, and you read from the prophet Isaiah. But you didn't stop there. You added a new insight or twist to the centuries-old text and stirred up a great deal of controversy. Help me to go beyond the texts that are handed to me and stir up something of interest to my participants, so that they, too, may be challenged. Help me to use the texts assigned to me as a catalyst or stepping stone to the fullness of your word—a word that does not simply fill space on a page but has the capacity to change lives forever. Amen.

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