

THE GOSPEL

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Freedom for Prisoners | Luke 4:14-30

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we looked at what Jesus meant when he proclaimed freedom for prisoners as part of his bold claim to be the fulfilment of Israel's anticipation of a Messiah. We talked about what we are freed from, what our freedom is for and how we can live in this freedom.

R E A D

Luke 4: 14-30 | Galatians 5:1

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

- 1) What things come to mind when you consider the idea of freedom? How might this be similar or different to what Jesus' listeners were imagining.
- 2) What is your attitude toward those who find themselves in prison (of all kinds)?
- 3) When considering the breakdown of relationships with God, self, others, and creation, what kinds of captivity can you identify in our world? In yourself?

Read Revelation 1:17-18

- 4) What does it mean that Jesus holds the keys of death and Hades?

Read Exodus 15:22-24 and consider Israel's patterns of grumbling and longings to return to captivity.

- 5) What is it about human nature that causes us to resist freedom?

- 6) In what ways do you tend to return to the comfort and security of bondage in your life?

We talked about different ways of moving in freedom: opening the prison doors, walking out of prison, and helping others do the same by sharing our freedom with them.

- 7) In which of these areas do you find yourself needing the mercy of Jesus today? Why?
- 8) How can we be the kind of empowered and anointed community that proclaims and demonstrates freedom? What needs to change?

R E S P O N D

What do you sense that Jesus is inviting you to do next? Is it time to open a door? Is it time to walk out of a prison? Is it time to learn new ways of being free? Can you come alongside someone else who is in need of freedom? Pause, listen, wait and embrace what you are hearing.

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Pray for eyes to see the freedom that is already yours for you to embrace. Pray for the strength and courage to resist old prisons. Ask Jesus to show us how to be a community of freedom-seekers and chain-breakers.

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

