Kingdom-Minded
Called to Freedom
Sunday, May 25, 2025

Isaiah 61:1-9 NIV

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has
anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind
up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release
from darkness for the prisoners,[2] to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
[3] and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a
crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.
[4] They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.
[5] Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and
vineyards. [6] And you will be called priests of the LORD,
you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of
nations, and in their riches you will boast.
[7] Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of
disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance.
And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,
and everlasting joy will be yours.
[8] "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting
covenant with them. [9] Their descendants will be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will
acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed.

1. **Good News to the Poor.**

2. **Bind Up the Brokenhearted.**

3. **Freedom for the Captives.**

Conclusion: The call to freedom begins in us and extends to all those we interact with. Live to honor this gift of freedom we are given. Live as one who IS FREE in Christ, *because you are!*

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Called to Freedom
Week of May 25, 2025- May 31, 2025

Ice Breaker: What does freedom mean to you?

Read Isaiah 61:1-9.

1. Who is this prophecy about?
2. What is being foreshadowed?
3. Who else is this speaking to? Who else carries this power to proclaim these very truths?
4. What specifically is being proclaimed? (vs.1-2)
5. Who are the poor?
6. Who are the captives? To what?
7. What are prisoners being released from? (v.1)
8. What is the year of the Lord's favor? (v.2) Are we in it?
9. Is this similar to the Year of Jubilee? Read Leviticus 25:10-13. What was the point of this celebration and custom?
10. What will be given to the Lord's people in place of their suffering? (vs. 2-3)
11. What will God's people be called? Why? (v.3)
12. What will they be equipped to do? (v.4) How are we called to do this today?
13. What is the meaning and foreshadowing of vs. 5-6? What does this show us about the elevating of God's people and the inclusion of all people in God's purposes?
14. What is the inheritance to the Lord's chosen people? (v.7) What do we lose and what do we gain?
15. What does God love and what does He hate? (v.8)
16. Read Acts 12:6-10. What happened and how did Peter respond?
17. What should we learn from his response and the freedom we have in Christ?
18. Read Acts 16:22-32. What happened and how did Paul and Silas respond?
19. How should we use our freedom?
20. What does this freedom in Christ promise? (v.9)
21. Where in your life do you need to step into Christ's freedom?

Point to ponder: Keep pressing into the fullness of this freedom we have been given and live in it. For as you do, others will take notice and want this freedom too.