
Date: November 6, 2022 Freedom Sunday 2022 www.eddiebyun.com

Message: Why the Church Must Lead **Scripture:** Luke 4:18-19

This is the _____ of God

Luke 4:18-19 (ESV) – “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

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Isaiah 1:17 (ESV) – learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Psalms 82:3-4 (ESV) – Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

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Psalms 146:5-9 (ESV) – Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 (ESV) – For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV) – For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven

1. What elements of Jesus' mission in Luke 4:18-19 would be relevant for the Church today to embrace?
2. How would justice issues also be spiritual issues? Explain.
3. Who are the vulnerable groups listed in Psalm 82:3-4? Who would be the equivalent in our day?
4. How is the Lord described in Psalm 146:5-9? What does He do and for whom?
5. Do you agree with the statement that “justice is loving our neighbor as ourself”? Why or why not?
6. Why do you think there are such strong reactions to the word “justice” in the church today?
7. Read Isaiah 1:17. Why do you think vulnerable groups were such a concern for God?
8. What do you feel God might be calling you to do differently in light of this weekend?