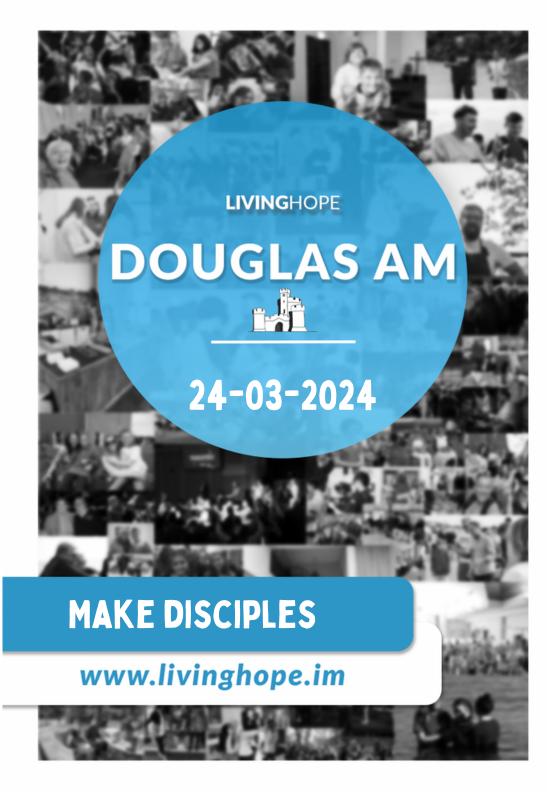




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MAKE DISCIPLES FREEDOM IN CHRIST (LIVE IN FREEDOM THIS EASTER!)

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18 "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."

20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4: 16 - 20 ESV.

CAPTIVITY = FEAR

THE BAD NEWS

Romans 3 v 23 - "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

THE GOOD NEWS

Romans 6 v 23 - 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I. FREEDOM IN CHRIST

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

II. HEALING & DELIVERANCE IN CHRIST

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind.

III. PURPOSE IN CHRIST

to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

IV. FAVOUR IN CHRIST

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN THROUGH THE CROSS OFFERS A RADICAL LIFE CHANGING FREEDOM.

Galatians 5 v1. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

JESUS - THE ONE WHO WAS CURSED - IS OUR SOURCE OF BLESSING AND FREEDOM

Gal 3: 13-14. But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith.

FREEDOM & WHOLENESS:

- 1. Comes through encountering the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Is enabled by our acknowledgment of our need (to be made free and whole).
- 3. And our repentance, faith and obedience to take hold of and appropriate the benefits Jesus purchased for us on Calvary's cross to be free and whole in Him.

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you encountered the Holy Spirit recently?
- 2. Name some areas in which you have been walking in freedom in since you were born again?
- 3. What daily steps are you taking daily to walk in freedom and wholeness?
- 4. Can others see the fruit of you walking in freedom in Christ?