## SERMON The Mission Begins Luke 4:16-21 Pastor Matt Manning Matt.Manning@crossroadsabc.com February 9, 2020 NOTES **GROUP DISCUSSION** 1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min) 2. Share your story ... Describe a time when you were released from an overwhelming burden. (7-10 min) 3. Read Luke 4:16-21. 4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min) Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you? As was [Jesus'] custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "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 *lib*erty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:17-19, quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, emphasis added) The original word for liberty (which often gets translated forgiveness or release in English) appears 12 more times in Luke 4-9. Jesus read from this passage in Isaiah on the Sabbath. What would a 24-hour Sabbath (for you) look like in order for you to experience *liberty*—namely, to feel fully rested and refreshed? Read Isaiah 58:6-8 (which sets the stage for the passage Jesus quoted). According to these verses, how are the poor going to experience release,

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What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our life group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?



Watch sermon On Demand crossroadsabc.com/ sermons [Jesus] 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. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (vs. 20-21)

How would you summarize Jesus' mission in ten words or less? Use the words *liberty, freedom,* or *release.* Summarize your mission in ten words or less; again, include the words *liberty, freedom,* or *release.* 

## PLAN OF ACTION

freedom, and liberty?

Choose one thing from Isaiah 58:6-8 and do it this week.