

Message Summary: God's Word declares, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17). As we gather to celebrate communion not only do we remember the Cross of Christ, but our freedom in Christ. We'll consider what we have been set free from, and what we have been set free for. We'll address an issue that is often overlooked as we ponder the question: whom do you serve?

Free to be a Slave

Romans 6:12-23

There is a level of freedom that is better than political, social, or any kind of freedom --- freedom from sin

1. What have we been set free from?

Master: Bondage, from sin, from self.

A. Freedom doesn't come from sin; that will only enslave you.

B. Freedom doesn't come from self; that will only deceive you.

2. What have we been set free for?

To become slaves of God and righteousness.

A. Freedom comes from the Son; He's the only one that redeems you.

B. Jesus said, "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." (John 8:36)

LifeGroup Questions

BEGIN IT (5 min) – Praise the Lord and pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT (10 min) – If you had to forfeit your personal freedom to become a slave, whom would you want to be your master?

EXPLORE IT (60 min) – Review Sunday's sermon outline together and share notes people have about the message. Feel free to add any Bible passages you brought with you for today's gathering that may help the discussion. Read Romans 6:12-23.

1. In v.16 who or what determines the things that dominate or control a person?
2. What causes a person to be a slave to sin?
3. How would you describe the character of someone who is alive to God in Christ?
4. In what practical sense is sin no longer the master of a Christian even though he or she might still commit specific sins?
5. How does God help a person discard old habits and tendencies?
6. In vv.17-18 what change has happened to people who have put their trust in Christ?
7. In vv.19 & 22 what is the result of being a slave to righteousness?
8. In what ways is our relationship to God not like slavery?
9. In v.23 what are the wages of sin and the gift of God?
10. In what ways is a Christian truly free?

APPLY IT (15 min) – In what areas of your life do you need God's help to loosen the grip of certain sins? Take time to pray for ways you can show your wholehearted obedience to God this week.