



## Community Group Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

### Title of Sermon: Freed for Slavery

Passage: Romans 6:15-23 NIV

### Introduction

1. Prior to the sermon, would you have considered yourself “free” or a “slave”? Why?
2. Do you think complete freedom from sin and the ability to obey God fully is possible for Christians in this life? Why or why not?

### Sermon Points

1. The Question
  - a. Can you give some examples of yourself or others who have understood following Jesus as being “free in Christ” to live however you please? Is this a common view today? If so, where do you see it showing up? If not, why is it different today than when Paul wrote these words?
2. The Answer
  - a. In what ways do we struggle with the idea that we are slaves to sin or slaves to God? Why do we largely consider ourselves as “neutrals”?
  - b. Is it surprising to think that those who aren’t Christians are actually “slaves to sin”? How does this slavery play out? Are those who are not followers of Jesus able not to sin?
  - c. Why don’t Christians behave like who they truly are?
3. The Implications
  - a. When you read the description of conversion to Christianity in verses 17-18, what surprises you about the way Paul describes it (“you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance”)?
  - b. In light of this description, explain what is necessary for a person to do in order to become a follower of Jesus. When you hear preachers or evangelists invite people to follow Jesus, do they usually include these ideas in their invitations? Why or why not?
  - c. Why is it so hard to obey God? Does knowing that you are his slave help or hurt your obedience to him?



### **Wrap Up and Prayer**

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

### **Benediction - Jude 24-25 NIV**

*"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."*