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1 CORINTHIANS
Part 6: Freedom

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

There is real freedom available: Some of you have lived under the weight of what somebody else said you are. Some have been defined by a traumatic life event. Regardless of the circumstance, your life will be open now to receive what God has promised you, what He has had in store for you.

[1 Corinthians 6.1, 5, 8-11, ESV]

When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?

I say this to your shame...

But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers! Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor

the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

We are called to higher living! Stop living like Corinthians and start living like Christians. The world is looking to see if there is any freedom on your face; they are supposed to be attracted to who you are.

[1 Corinthians 6.12, ESV]

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

We are born free, set free, live free, and die free.... You have been washed, sanctified, and justified. [1 Cor 6.9]

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some standards, benchmarks, or "mile markers" that you use to define your life?**
- 2. How does your life display freedom for those that are not believers? What conversations have arisen because of how you live and what people can see?**
- 3. Have you ever seen or known someone who has been set free, that then went back to old patterns? How did he or she justify the behavior?**
- 4. What "form of prostitution" (what thing or habit) have you been made a slave to because of personal choices? What pain did it cause those around you? What has it looked like for you to live free?**
- 5. What does it mean when Paul says to the Corinthians "You have been bought with a price"? [verse 20]**