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MOBILIZE
Part 2: "Freedom"
Sermon Small Group Notes

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 no secret service Christianity!

[Matthew 28.18-19, NLT]

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

[Acts 2.32-33,36-37, NLT]

“God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!” Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

[Acts 2.38-39, NLT]

Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles —all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

[Acts 2.40-41, NLT]

Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

[Romans 6.1-7]

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

True freedom is only found in Him.

[Romans 6.11-12, NLT]

So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.

Three Biblical Actions that Release Freedom:

1. Reveal = bring those things that are holding you in bondage into the light

[Proverbs 28.13, NIV]

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

[James 5.16, NLT]

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

2. Release = release the hurts, offenses, and those who wronged you through forgiveness [Matthew 18.23-35]

3. Resolve = decide to get some help by taking the next step

The power is not in the learning; it's in the doing.

10 Ways to Practically Mobilize to Freedom:

- 1. Fully surrender your life to Christ today.**
- 2. Get baptized in water and go public with your faith.**
- 3. Attend Celebrate Recovery. (Monday nights in Vv)**
- 4. Get some counseling.**
- 5. Join a small group.**
- 6. Attend a Life Change Event.**
- 7. Make a call and release someone of an offense or hurt.**
- 8. Forgive a debt.**
- 9. Confess and get prayer with some leaders.**
- 10. Discuss your situation with a friend and make a plan to get out.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How is your prayer walking going? Does anyone have a story to share from your past week's experience about how God has already moved?**
- 2. Why is it important for you, and for others, to go public with your faith? What does it look and sound like to be vocal with your Christianity?**
- 3. Why do you think we stay in bondage when the steps to freedom sometimes are clear and simple?**
- 4. What sort of things are required of us to receive the freedom God wants to bring? What is something that you personally need to walk out of?**
- 5. Who are some people that you need to connect with to release a debt or offense? To confess and pray with? To develop a plan or strategy with for freedom?**
- 6. PRAY that the Holy Spirit would move in power for the people in your group and for the folks, who you are connected to, that you are praying get mobilized to freedom.**