



SIGNPOSTS OF HOPE IN A SUFFERING WORLD



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FREEDOM

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- What is real freedom?
 - The only way to truly be free isn't to pursue every freedom you desire; it's to give up the "lesser" freedoms in order to gain a "greater" freedom.
 - Real freedom isn't doing whatever you want; it's living the life God created you to live.
- What keeps us from being free?
 - Sin is a violation of how things were designed to work.
 - Sin demands your worship but will always let you down.
- How do you experience the freedom Jesus gives?
 - The only way to have freedom is to give your life to Jesus and make him your Master.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. What comes to mind for you when you think about freedom? How would you define freedom?
3. Many people think that freedom means freedom from rules, constraints and restrictions. What are some ways you see this understanding of freedom in our world today?
4. Pastor Jeremy says, "The only way to truly be free isn't to pursue every freedom you desire; it's to give up the "lesser" freedoms in order to gain a "greater" freedom."
 - Do you agree with this statement?
 - What are some ways you see this principle at work?
 - What "lesser" freedoms did Jesus give up? What "greater" freedom did he gain?
 - Are there any "lesser" freedoms God may be calling you to give up in order to gain a greater freedom?
5. Read John 8:34. Jesus calls sin a power that everyone who sins is a slave to it. What do you think he means by that? What are some ways sin enslaves us?

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6. Read John 8:35-36. Jesus sets us free yet the Bible also calls us to be slaves of Christ (Eph 6:6, Col 3:24, 1 Pet 2:16). How do you reconcile this apparent contradiction? How can we trust that Jesus is a good Master to serve?
7. What is one area in your life where you would like to see greater freedom? Pray this week for God to show you how you can experience his freedom in this area. Ask him to deliver you from any sin and help you to surrender to his will.

LET'S PRAY: Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).