

Sermon Based Small Group Guide
March 11, 2018 sermon:
Exodus: "From slavery to slavery?"

Warm up: (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) At what point in your life did you feel you had the "most freedom"? When you were younger and had fewer responsibilities, or as you grew older and got to make more choices?
- 2.) Can you think of an illustration of how "following a rule" has brought you freedom?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1. God's laws for slaves/servants were not about oppression, but about stressing the value and proper treatment of individuals and relationships. That is important to understand. Never sit quietly if someone claims "God approves of slavery."! Jesus gives some insight into the attitude and treatment of a true servant. What do the following passages say about the kind of mindset that we should strive for as servants of God?

-Luke 17:7-10

-Matthew 20:20-28

2. When we serve others just as Christ served us, it not only pleases God but also helps our relationships and life go better. That alone is great incentive for us. Read and discuss the verses below, what other incentives and positive results occur when we serve others?

-Matthew 5:16

-John 15:8

-1 Peter 2:12

-Matthew 10:42

3. Service in action can take on many forms. Identify and discuss how the following verses define service in action? Then see if you can think of an example of how it could be seen in your day-to-day life experiences.

-Luke 6:27-31

-1 Corinthians 9:19

Application: (5-10 minutes) Wonder if you are making a positive difference in the places God has given you to serve? Ask THIS question for each area in parentheses : If I was removed from my (home, work, community and church) for a month...would people notice and care? What difference would me "not being there" make?