

Broken Signposts (5 of 7)
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, March 26th, 2023



Sermon Series: Broken Signposts | Lent 2023 Sermon Series

Sermon Title: The Freedom That God Gives

Scripture Reading: John 8:31-36; Galatians 5:1-14

Sermon Focus:

Our society tells us that freedom is about self-expression, not being tied down, or overtaking oppressive leaders and systems. But true freedom is a matter of the heart and is constantly being threatened by influences from within and without. In the fifth message of our series, Pastor Melissa helps us see how Christ not only frees us from bondage, but also frees us for a greater life of love.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Have you ever heard of or experienced “revenge bedtime procrastination”? What are other examples in our society of how people are reaching for freedom but are coming up empty-handed (e.g. feeling trapped, anxious, or empty)?
2. One way we tend to pursue freedom is through following the “principles of the world” (see Gal 4:8-9) or an immoral lifestyle. What messages does our culture give us about freedom? Do they live up to the hype? How have you seen the negative results of pursuing an immoral lifestyle?
3. Read Galatians 5:1-4. Another way we tend to pursue freedom is through a moral lifestyle or legalism. This is especially prominent in people who have been part of religious systems for most of their lives. Why do we get caught up in this kind of “slavery”? What does that look like? What’s the outcome?
4. Read John 8:31-36. True freedom comes through belief in Christ. Do you ever struggle to believe that you are enslaved to sin? What does characterizing sin as “slavery” imply? How are we set free?
5. True freedom is both a freedom *from* sin, guilt, and obligation, but also a freedom *for* a life of sacrificial love (see Gal 5:13-14). What might it look like to help lead others into a life of freedom in Christ? Is there someone on your heart today that God might be calling you to love in a tangible way?