



FREEDOM | SUNDAY

**SERMON RESPONSE
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**



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THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING FREEDOM SUNDAY!

We know that people may have varying responses to hearing about the harsh realities of slavery, while at the same time reconciling that with the hope found in God's truth. Certainly, this can be an inspiring and challenging task.

To that end, we want to equip you with questions that can be used as a resource in leading a follow-up discussion group. These questions are designed simply to promote thoughtful conversation and can, of course, be augmented with your own questions and thoughts. Additionally, you might find it helpful to re-read the scriptures from the sermon together, as they're referenced in certain questions.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Thank you for leading this discussion, we hope this time draws you and your community closer to God's heart, and to those in need of rescue today.

- How did you feel about the sermon you heard on Freedom Sunday? What thoughts or feelings did it provoke? What did you find yourself thinking about after the service was over?
- For most of us, hearing that 45 million people are trapped in slavery can be staggering. How do we overcome the paralysis that a number like this can cause?
- In **Luke 4:14-20**, we see that Jesus' mission goes beyond rescuing people from spiritual bondage. How might you describe the fullness of Christ's mission to someone who had never encountered this passage?
- How does the ministry of justice overlap with the ministries of evangelism and compassion?
- To truly understand God's heart for justice, it's helpful to consider how we define *injustice*. Have you considered the particular sin of injustice, as scripture defines it? How does **Ecclesiastes 4:1** change or refine your perspective on injustice in the world?
- How can we cultivate hope in the face of injustice?
- According to **Micah 6:8**, we're required to "act justly". This suggests that the work of justice is not passive. We're not simply to "think justly" or to "feel justly", but to take action. What does this mean for us? How exactly do we enact justice on a daily basis? How do we become brave enough?
- Let's consider the struggle against slavery in the 19th century, or the struggle against child labor, or the American civil rights movement. In each era, the church not only deployed those with specialized expertise and skill to do the work of justice—but the whole church joined in by raising its voice as advocates for the poor. What can the church do to support those who are severely oppressed and enslaved today?
- What would it look like for the church to actually lead the fight against slavery *until all are free*?

These resources are meant to be a guide for you as you share about God's heart to end slavery with your church community. Please feel free to modify as desired to fit your churches worship style.