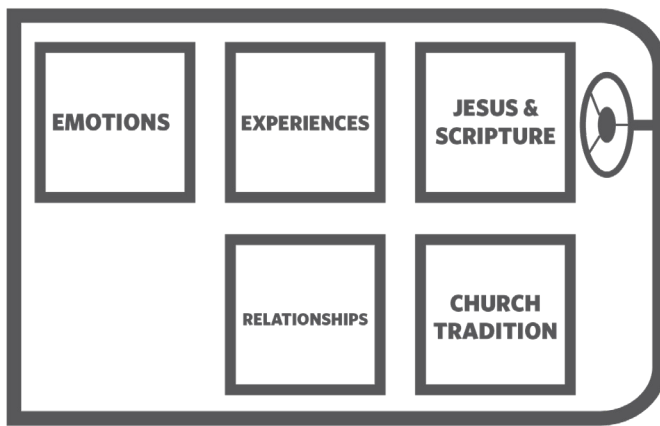


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LIBERTIES

SERIES BIG IDEAS:

_____ and scripture drive my beliefs, not my pursuit of _____.



Everyone is enslaved by _____.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12 (NIV)

A sinful belief: I am _____ to do whatever I _____.

Anytime Jesus & Scripture don't drive my beliefs, I will pursue whatever I _____.

Our enemy deceives us into thinking that God's way obstructs our _____ and pursuing what we want is true _____.

My heart is _____ and will trick me into thinking that what I want is what is _____.

Jesus came to set humanity free from our slavery to _____.

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:13-14 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

Jesus liberates me from my selfish, sinful _____ so I can become like Jesus and love my _____.

¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. ¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:15-18 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit liberates me _____ sin. It doesn't give me liberty _____ sin.

- I am free to _____ sexual immorality by honoring God with my body. (Galatians 5:19)

¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

¹⁹Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV)



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If it's not with only your _____ it destroys God's _____.

- I am free to worship only _____ and not use power for _____. (Galatians 5:20)
- I am free to pursue peace and not be _____. (Galatians 5:20-21)
- I am free from losing control because of a _____ or a _____. (Galatians 5:21)

²¹...I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:21-26 (NIV)

I become like Jesus when I forsake my _____ for the sake of others.



TEACHING SUMMARY:

I had a friend who once told me that sin was voluntary slavery. It was choosing to live as a slave to the fallen nature of mankind when we are called to something else. We are called to become a new creation.

Jesus offers freedom from sin, freedom from our human nature, and freedom to live a new abundant life in Him.

But just like my friend said about sin being a voluntary decision to remain enslaved to sin, stepping into Jesus' new life is a voluntary decision to accept the most costly free gift ever given...a new life in Christ for all of eternity.

Only when we accept the new life, the new nature, the new self that comes from God can we love our neighbors in a meaningful way that leads to them experiencing the same new life that we are living.

TALK IT OVER:

What did the message teach you about Jesus?

What did it teach you about you?

What did it show you about how Jesus wants you to live your life? Are you willing to submit to His leadership in your beliefs and decisions? Why or Why not?

What is one next step you can take based on today's teaching?

How can we be praying for you?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1: Philippians 1:1-24

Day 2: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Day 3: Romans 3:21-24

Day 4: Psalm 51:10-13

Day 5: Romans 8:5-11

Day 6: Romans 6:1-18