



### **Welcome**

Would you describe yourself as an independent person - give examples.  
What are some of the pros and cons of independence?  
Is it wrong to be independent?

### **Word**

Read Acts 8:9-24

Explore the passage, what do you take from it?  
What is wrong with independence in this story?  
Why does Jesus want to break our independence? Describe the benefits.  
Can you identify with what Simon said on Sunday "There's a Simon in us all"? Share and discuss how this happens with God and other people.

Read and discuss Romans 15:5-6, Proverbs 3:5-7, Galatians 6:2  
What do you take from these verses?

### **Response**

Reflect for a few moments where your independence may have come between you and God and then between you and others. Ask God for His help to be more dependent on Him and then to allow others to help you.

Pray for each other. Pray especially for those who may be going through a difficult time at the moment and then commit to support each other as the Christmas season approaches

Pray for opportunities to invite family and friends to the Christmas Production and this would start people on a journey of knowing Jesus.