



Welcome

Who or what do you think of when you hear the word Freedom?
What are some of the qualities you would say are found in those people?

Word

This week we are continuing to look at the early church who found a way of not being enslaved by their circumstances, they lived freely.

Read Acts 16: 16-34

Freedom is really powerful. If freedom is most powerful when it has purpose, when have you seen it used inappropriately? Or in what situations might it be used in a negative way?

Think about the experience of the slave girl. She was actually being exploited. Where do we see that in our world today?

Jesus came to set us free from yesterday and tomorrow. If this is true, what are some of the things we still struggle with that make this a challenge to believe and live in the truth of?

The only real question we have been encouraged to think about is how we live in freedom today!

Which person in the story do we most identify with?

- *The slave girl* – feel our freedom is being controlled in some way
- *Paul & Silas* – feel our freedom is being restricted in some way
- *The jailer* – we appear to be outwardly living in freedom but we are really slaves to a system

Encourage conversation to unpack who people identify with and why?
Look for opportunities to encourage and support each other.

Paul and Silas were singing hymns and praying in a difficult situation that had lasting impact on those around them. What things might we be able to do in our daily living that might impact those around us and demonstrate our faith in action?

Finish by praying for each other for a greater sense of freedom.....

Continue to pray for the church as we enter more deeply into this XL season, reaching beyond our walls and “growing up” into all God has for us!