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FREE

WEEK 10

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group or Bible class.

Most people problems are gospel problems. We pay a big price for believing a small gospel. A small gospel accepts bondage as normal but the gospel is so much bigger than that. We must realize that salvation road is actually a freeway. As this series ends we pray that your pursuit of freedom is just getting started.

1 The gospel is so much bigger than we realize. **Read Ephesians 1:6-7.** The gospel offers more than forgiveness; it offers freedom. Why is this good news, and what are the consequences of accepting a “small gospel”?

2 FREEDOM IS a reality. The first step to freedom is not to do something but to believe something. Freedom begins with accepting the word of truth (**1 Timothy 2:6**). Why is it important to realize that freedom is a reality?

3 FREEDOM IS a gift. Freedom is not a work we do; it is a work Jesus does. The gospel is not offering us a chance to earn our freedom; the gospel is inviting us to step into the freedom that Christ has already paid for. **Read Romans 3:24.** What is the problem of treating freedom like something we have to earn?

4 FREEDOM IS a responsibility. Only Jesus can set you free, but only you can let him. Jesus does not force freedom on anyone. Jesus isn't concerned with how we got in prison; he wants to know if we want out // story in John 5). In what way are we responsible for receiving the freedom Jesus offers?

5 FREEDOM IS a journey. When you start to walk in freedom, you can be sure that Satan will do all he can to

detour and derail your journey. Keep pressing through and when progress seems small, remember that God's promise is big. **Read Philippians 1:6.** Freedom is usually a journey more than a moment. In what ways can this be discouraging, and in what ways is this actually encouraging?

6 FREEDOM IS a team sport. God helps people get free through the power of community (remember those who helped Lazarus out of his grave clothes). We do not have the power to raise, but we do have the responsibility to unwrap. We need Jesus to go from death to life, but we need each other to go from prison to freedom. Free people help free people. Share a time when you were on either end of this dynamic.

7 FREEDOM IS a testimony. Some things are too important not to share. God wants to leverage your freedom to bring freedom to others. What is the most important truth you have learned in this series, and how will it impact your everyday life as you wait for Jesus?

ACTION STEP The last thought Rick reminded us of in this series is the beautiful truth that **FREEDOM IS coming!** Today we can walk in more freedom than we ever have. Someday we will walk in complete freedom. Spend some time this week praising God for the freedom you currently have and the complete freedom you'll ultimately enjoy. Share this joy with others.