

Jesus was a freedom fighter. He liberated people from the powers of darkness so they could become who they were created to be. So if Jesus is our rabbi, we need to be just as committed to the ministry of helping people claim "no longer slaves" status. This series explores what that looks like.

## Week 2: No Longer Slaves... "to the Reality of Sin" (David Meyer – 10/6/24)

- 1. David began by reminding us that, *"Sin is more than our mistakes; it is also a power."* Have you ever thought of sin as more than just bad decisions/disobedience but also as a power? How does this realization help you resist sin?
- 2. **Read Romans 7:18b-23.** How do you experience this conflict in your own life, and what does it look like to rely on God's Spirit to overcome it?
- 3. Jesus is more powerful than the devil and sin (John 16:33, 1 John 3:8, & Romans 5:6). How does this truth impact your daily life and your approach to temptation?
- 4. **"Who do you say that I am?" Romans 8:11-15** mentions that we have been adopted as God's children and are no longer fearful slaves. How does your identity as a child of God affect how you respond to the power of sin in your life?
- 5. No longer slaves to the reality of sin means we are free from both the penalty of sin and the pull of sin (Romans 8:2). What does this mean to you? Follow up: What practical steps can we take to live out this freedom in our daily lives?
- 6. Think back to when you surrendered your life to Jesus, what were the barriers or lies you had to overcome?
- 7. How does this lesson impact the ways you will share your faith with neighbors, friends, coworkers, or family members?

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