



BAPTISM SUNDAY

Living For Free

Jesus did not say that he wanted to improve our lives. He never claimed to be a self-help guru, promising that if we applied a few principles, our lives would get better. He came to make us new people and provide us with everything we need to live new lives.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Bottom Line: Stop working for free and start living like you're free.

Discussion Questions

1. As you watched the baptisms this past Sunday, did anything impact you or stand out to you? Have you ever been baptized? What was your experience like? Did this past Sunday remind you of when you were baptized? Did that make any impact on you?
2. Overall, when you think about yourself, do you think you are a good person or a bad person (or something else)? What factors go into the way you think about yourself in respect to this question?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-4. What questions or observations come to mind as you read these verses?
4. In this passage the Apostle Paul is comparing the slavery of the Israelites in Egypt, with the slavery people experience to sin. Think about the three stages of the Exodus story (people enslaved in Egypt, going through the Red Sea, and becoming free people on the other side). How do these aspects correspond to the different stages of following Jesus?
5. In what ways do you think sin enslaves people? How does the cross and resurrection help free people? What do you think our response should be in terms of how we live our lives?

Moving Forward

When we are forced to work but don't get paid, we call that slavery. Sin tricks us into living as slaves. What kind of thoughts, feelings or actions do you think are enslaving? In what ways can we make sure that we aren't living as if we are in slavery once again? How do you think people who are living in the freedom of Christ live? What are the characteristics of their thoughts and actions?