

The Week of:

March 16, 2022

What's your life like:

Highs and Lows of the Week:

- How excited are you for spring? What temperature is appropriate for Minnesotans to start wearing T-shirts and shorts?

What are we talking about this week:

Bible Verses

Ephesians 6:5, Exodus 21:16, Deuteronomy 23:15-16, Ephesians 6:9, Genesis 1:28, John 8:34, Romans 17:18-20, Ephesians 1:7, Galatians 5:1

Main Point of the Message

- The Bible is NOT pro-slavery.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you realized someone else saw the world differently than you do?
2. Have you ever heard someone accuse the Bible of supporting slavery?
3. Before this message, did you know the Bible talked about slavery? If so, what images of slavery came to mind?
4. What do you think would change in our world if everyone always saw other people as being made in the image of God?
5. If you are a Christian, how have you experienced the freedom from sin that Jesus offers?
6. Maybe you're not a Christian and you're realizing you are a slave to sin and you do feel like you are being owned by something. Are you interested in receiving the freedom that Jesus died on the cross to offer you? Do you want to make a decision to follow Jesus?

Now what:

- This week, take time to read Genesis 1:28 and meditate on what it means that all humans are created in the image of God. Take time to think about how God's design and desire for human beings is to be free physically and spiritually. Think about how you can experience more freedom in your life and how you might help others to experience more freedom in theirs.