

No Matter What No Matter Where—Week 2
"Seek Freedom and Flee Slavery"—May 23rd

Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom

// Bible References

Galatians 5:1, 5:19-21, Colossians 3:5-12

// Message Summary

In week 2 of our series *No Matter What No Matter Where,* Ben unpacks what it looks like for us to seek freedom and flee from slavery. He does this by using multiple passages from Galatians to show two things. First, that Jesus has come to set us free and second, the impact that slavery has on our lives. Ben then uses a contrast from Colossians 3:5-12 to demonstrate how to seek freedom by embracing the truth that no matter what you've done, no matter where you've been, Jesus is FOR you. He's FOR your freedom, which means He is also AGAINST the things that are enslaving you. And he will lovingly point those things out without ever letting them affect his love for us. The second part of this key phrase is that if Jesus is FOR you, *we are too*. Which means that we want to be the kind of church that loves the people that Jesus loves: imperfect, rough around the edges, chasing after him the best way we can—those kinds of people.

// Questions

1. Have you ever felt defined by a judgement, generalization, or polarizing opinion? If so, how did that make you feel?
2. What does it mean to you to hear that Jesus is FOR You?
3. Ben talked about things that Jesus is AGAINST in our lives, some of which are listed in Galatians 5:19-21. What items stood out to you?
4. Read Colossians 3:5-12. What about this passage helps bring you the feeling of freedom in your life with God?
5. Share an area in your life where you are struggling being both FOR AND AGAINST something or share where God is pointing out your sin in order to bring you freedom.

// Challenge

Ben gave us two lists from the Bible this week. One of which Jesus is FOR and the other He is AGAINST. For example, Jesus is for patience, forgiveness, and thankfulness but against jealousy and selfish ambition.
Choose two items, one that you are FOR and one you are AGAINST and simply pay attention to them this week to see what God reveals to you.