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Groups Sermon Study Questions

THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

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Message Summary

God's core promises to the Israelites went beyond simply cutting the ties to Egypt. God's desire was to redeem them for a purpose, to set them apart and use them for His glory. That same promise is made to you and me. God not only has called you out of sin and removed the sin from you, but He has redeemed you for a purpose and given you a unique gift mix that should be used for His glory and the benefit of others.

Consider This

What is something that you are good at? How do you get to use that skill?

How would you define a spiritual gift? What purpose do they serve?

What do you think stops people from using their God-given gifts?

Read Romans 12:3-8

1. What Christ-like characteristic does Paul implore us to adopt in verse 3? Why is this attitude so important, especially when looking at our gift mix?

- 2. What truths about spiritual gifts are demonstrated in the image of a body and its members in verses 4-5?
- 3. Are your spiritual gifts for your benefit? Why or Why not?
- 4. Verses 6-8 highlight some of the different spiritual gifts we may have. In charging us to use them, what is the common theme, or themes, found with each gift?
- 5. Do you have an idea of the spiritual gifts you have been given?

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

- 6. According to verses 11-13, what purpose, or purposes do we have to develop our spiritual gifts? Why is this important?
- 7. Looking at verses 14-16, we see that as we develop our spiritual gifts, we will grow in maturity in Christ. Why should a growing in maturity in Christ be a goal for each of us?
- 8. What attitudes or behaviors should define us as we grow and develop our spiritual gifts?
- 9. Verse 16 says that each part of the body of Christ is to be doing their work. In question 8 we asked if you knew what your spiritual gifts might be. How are you currently serving with those gifts? What are you doing to develop those gifts?

Read 1 Peter 4:8-11

- 10. What should be the defining characteristic of our actions?
- 11. How are you a "faithful steward" of the gifting God has given you?
- 12. Why should we be serving within our spiritual gifting?

Action Steps

Exodus 6:6-7

"...I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."

Attend The Next Step Class

This class not only highlights the history of Freshwater, but helps you discover your spiritual gifting and see how you can serve within that gifting at Freshwater. For more information check out the Events page on Freshwater. Church/Events.