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Serve One Another #4 of 9 - July 31, 2016

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What stuck out to you from the message? What did you find helpful or challenging?
3. Before this message, how would you have defined "freedom"? In light of the message, how would you define "Christian freedom"?
4. Read John 8:31-36 and Romans 5:8-11. What does Christ's sacrifice on the cross free us *from*? What other "freedoms" have *you* experienced as a result of the sacrifice of Jesus? (e.g. freedom from fear, anger, etc).
5. What are some of the motivations that people might serve others in our world? What are some reasons why *you* have served others before? What is the reason *Christ* served the way he did?
6. If you have yet to put your trust in Jesus, is the servant life that Jesus modelled and invited others to live an attractive life to you? If you're a follower of Jesus, how would you like your "freedom story" to be told? What is keeping you from using your freedom to serve others in love?
7. Take some time as an Impact Community to share your needs with one another. Ask each other, "how can I help you this week?"



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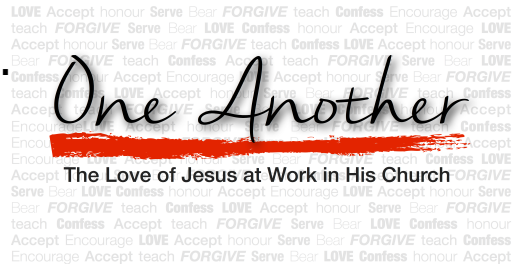
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Aaron Richert,
Multiply Team Leader
July 31, 2016



The Love of Jesus at Work in His Church

Followers of Jesus have a **FREEDOM STORY.**

John 8:31-36 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ "But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, 'You will be set free'?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."

Galatians 5:1 So Christ has truly set us free.

What were we saved **FOR**?

Galatians 5:13 For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Big Idea: We are SAVED for SERVICE.

How is serving others "freedom"?

🎧 Because of Christ, we serve out of **JOY**, not **OBLIGATION**.

🎧 Because of Christ, we serve **FROM** freedom, not **FOR** freedom.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

What Christian Service Looks Like:

Galatians 5:14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

The servant question: **"HOW CAN I HELP YOU?"**

How will your "freedom story" be told?