

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss some cultural implications of slavery throughout history. How do we “enslave” certain people groups in our world today?
2. Read Philippians 2:5-11. How does Jesus’ example inspire us regarding how we should live?
3. Read Ephesians 6:5-8. Describe what life was like for most slaves in the 1st century. Why do you think Paul does not condemn slavery in this passage?
4. What injustices did Paul inflict upon Christians in his life (see Acts 7:57 & 9:1-2)? What injustices did Paul experience as a Christian in his life (see 2 Corinthians 11:23-27)?
5. How might Paul’s experiences clarify his instructions to slaves in Ephesians 6:5-8?
6. In your own words, what did Paul command Christian slaves to do? How does God’s call to them relate to how you are to live?
7. If you live your life as “serving the Lord, not people,” what will your labor in the workplace look like? What is your greatest challenge in living this out?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 in light of Ephesians 6:5-8. What are some attitudes we should exemplify even when life does not seem fair?
9. Read Ephesians 6:9. How should leaders treat those under their authority? How can power and authority tempt us to act out in a sinful manner?
10. What would be the negative impact of someone playing favorites (parents, teachers, bosses, spiritual leaders), especially God? How does the fact that God does not have favorites affect how we treat others?
11. What do you struggle with the most: dealing with authority or leading like Jesus? What is a step you can take toward positive change in this area of your life?



I Have to be in Charge

Ephesians 6:5-9

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