

## **DISCUSSION GUIDE: We Are - Redeemed And Restored - January 22, 2023**

### **PRIMARY PASSAGES:**

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)*

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)*

*But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and His gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. (Romans 5:15-16)*

*He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. (Psalm 103:12:)*

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*

*So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)*

### **MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS:**

Three truths about redemption from Colossians 1:13-14. We are...

- Rescued from Satan
- Redeemed by Jesus
- Released from our sins

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Colossians 1:13 says, "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son," What does this mean to you? Is there a time when you invited Jesus to be your Savior and Lord? How does it make you feel to know you were transferred from the kingdom of darkness to light when you accepted Him?
2. How does it make you feel knowing that you can be reconciled and brought back into a relationship with God because of Jesus? In light of the verses above, what does it mean to you that you are redeemed? How does it feel to know that any and all of your sins are removed as far as the east is from the west because of Jesus' sacrifice?
3. Do you struggle with carrying the burden of guilt and shame? Do you feel like you're disqualified because of the mistakes in your past? Do you feel that you've wandered too far from God? Have you ever struggled with feeling unredeemable? Hopefully, you realize today that our God loves redeeming the unredeemable through Jesus.

***Dear God, thank You that even when we were running from You, You provided a way for us to be forgiven and redeemed through Jesus. Thank You, Jesus, for Your sacrifice that made a way for us to be reconciled to God and have a personal relationship with You.***

