



A GOSPEL COMMUNITY ON MISSION
WEST JACKSON
BAPTIST CHURCH

TEXT: Philemon
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Questions

- As life has changed over the past few weeks, what are some of the freedoms you miss the most?
- How do you think most people in our society would define freedom?
- In today's message, we learned about a man named Onesimus who attempted to become free by stealing from his master (V18) and running away. He ends up in Rome and somehow meets the apostle Paul. With Paul, Onesimus realizes that he has a deeper problem than gaining earthly freedom, he is in need of spiritual freedom. This morning it was said that true freedom is not found in your status in this world, it is found in your status before God. What did this mean for Onesimus? What does it mean for us?
- How does Jesus set us free in the gospel?
- In what ways do we use the earthly freedoms we have to ignore our spiritual slavery?
- How is the freedom we have in Christ Jesus "a better freedom" than any freedom we have here on earth?

Prayer As we walk through this time of self-distancing and isolation, let's make it a season of prayer. Set some times and reminders this week of when your group will commit to pray. Pray through the prayer requests listed in the online bulletin and others that you would like to add.

Pray now that God have mercy on us during this time. Pray that God will use this time to bring people to Himself for salvation. Pray that God will renewal and revival in His church.



Kids Activity Make a paper chain (see picture below). On the first link, write John 8:36: *"So if the Son set you free, you really will be free."* On each additional link, write different things that Jesus sets us free from.