

SAVED FOR SLAVERY — Small Group Discussion Guide

Opening Question

Think of a rule, limit, or structure in your life that you used to resist but now are actually grateful for. What changed?

Question 1 The sermon opened with a story of a woman who was set free but chose to stay and serve the one who freed her. What does that story say about the difference between *forced* service and *chosen* service? How does that change how you think about serving God?

Question 2 The big idea of the sermon is: *We are saved into slavery*. In your own words, what does that mean? Does that phrase sit comfortably with you, or does it create some tension? Why?

Question 3 Romans 6:22 says we have been set free from sin and have *become slaves of God*. What does your everyday life look like when you are living as a slave to sin? What does it look like when you are living as a slave to God? Be specific.

Question 4 Barry Schwartz's research shows that too much freedom and too many choices actually makes us *less* happy, not more. Where do you see that playing out in your own life — a place where you thought more freedom would make things better, but it didn't?

Question 5 — Personal Application The sermon ended with the question: *Who do you want to belong to?* Take a moment to answer that honestly — not the Sunday school answer, but the real one. What in your life right now suggests you are belonging to someone or something other than God? What would it look like to change that this week?