

3) Is today's cultural ideal of freedom reconcilable with Christian freedom?

4) Read this same passage again and discuss or reflect on slavery. What do you think of when hearing the word "slavery" (historically or in our current context)?

5) Do you connect to Paul's understanding of Christian slavery - if so, how?

6) Can the historical idea of slavery be related to Christian slavery or are they wholly different?



# Redeeming Notes

Title: "What Does Jesus Call Us to Be?"  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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**Teaching Point #1:** The love of Christ is in us, demonstrated by our actions.

**Application #1:** We show Christ within us to others by the fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and gentleness.

**People in the first part of the Gospel text:**

- 1) Village of Samaritans
- 2) Disciples (James and John)

The villagers and the disciples exhibit works of the flesh: jealousy and anger.

**Teaching Point #2:** Jesus rebukes the disciples and s pares the villagers.

**Application #2:** We have been given freedom to care for our neighbor.

*"For the whole law was fulfilled, is fulfilled, and continues to be fulfilled in one word, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" -Galatians 5:14*

**The three men in the second part of the Gospel text:**

1) The first man wants fame.

*"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head." -Luke 9:58*

2) The second man is torn between his duty and following Jesus.

*"Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." -Luke 9:60*

3) The third man's not ready.

*"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." -Luke 9:61*

**Teaching Point #3:** Each of the men has the choice to lose their freedom for the sake of their neighbor.

**Application #3:** All of us have free choices. Our actions are either of the flesh or of the Spirit.

*"For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would." -Galatians 5:17*

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**Small Group Discussion Questions:**

1) Read Galatians 5:13 and discuss as a group or reflect individually on how you understand freedom. What concepts come to mind? What does it mean to be free in today's culture?

2) How do you understand Christian freedom? What are the differences between freedom in today's culture and Christian freedom?