BE FREE
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// **Bible References:** Luke 4:18–19, John 3:16, Romans 10:9–13, Galatians 5:1, Ephesians 4:11–13

// **Community Question:**

What is something you've been part of that made you feel like you were contributing to something bigger than yourself?

// **Discussion Questions**

1. Luke 4:18–19: Jesus makes it clear that He came to bring freedom, healing, and restoration to a broken world. How does understanding the depth of what Jesus came to do change the way we view our own struggles and the brokenness we see around us?

2. Galatians 5:1: Jesus has already paid the price for our freedom, yet we can still find ourselves living under the weight of guilt, shame, fear, or old patterns. Where in your life do you find it difficult to fully embrace the freedom Jesus has given you? What do you think is keeping you from walking in that freedom?

3. Gather to Grow, Develop to Deploy: Jim emphasized that the church isn't just a place we gather, but a place where we grow, are equipped, and are sent out to make a difference. When you look at your own faith journey, where have you become comfortable simply showing up or receiving rather than actively growing and investing in others? What might need to change?

4. Rescue to Restore: Jim challenged us to recognize that following Jesus means stepping into the brokenness of the world rather than turning away from it. When you think about the people or difficult situations God has placed around you, where do you find yourself hesitant to get involved? What fears, assumptions, or personal comforts might be keeping you from responding to God's call?

// **Challenge:**

Jim reminded us that we aren't called to simply gather and grow in our faith, but to be equipped and sent out to bring the hope of Jesus into a broken world. This week, consider where you've become comfortable in your faith rather than actively living it out. Identify one person or situation where God may be inviting you to step in rather than stand back. Whether it's serving, having a difficult conversation, inviting someone into community, or meeting a practical need, take one intentional step to put your faith into action.

// **Prayer:**

God, thank You for the freedom we have in Jesus. Help us not just show up and go through the motions, but continue growing in our faith and living out what You've called us to do. Open our eyes to the people who need Your love and hope, and give us the courage to step in and make a difference. Use us to bring Your light into a broken world. Amen.