



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: Does God Really What I Do?
March 5, 2017

Opening Questions:

- Did you have nightmares about not being able to get the lock on your locker? In that moment, the combination was all about unlocking something. Are there other areas in life where a specific set of actions leads to freedom instead of captivity?
- Why do you suppose so many people (including Christians) think of things like the Ten Commandments are about all the things we shouldn't do? What is it about us that sees rules as limiters and not something different?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **Isaiah 48:17-20**... When you hear the word "redeemer," what comes to mind? What definition of redemption do you usually attach to the word? How different is Jesus as our redeemer than that definition?
- Does it feel like God has our best interest in mind? Are we more like kids than we want to admit? Why do we see rules as captivity and not something more?
- If you were to list what you want most out of life, what things would you say? How does your list compare to the list God offers in Isaiah of peace, righteousness and legacy? Why do those seem to be the baseline for most people?
- If Jesus is the path to freedom, what does that mean for us? What should we be doing day in and day out, that is required to follow him?

Application Questions:

- The bottom line this week was: **HIS WAY OF DOING THINGS ULTIMATELY LEADS TO WHERE YOU ULTIMATELY WANT TO BE.** Where do you ultimately want to be? What's holding you back? What's your Babylon?
- Why does God seem to use bodies of water to express his presence in our lives? Have you ever noticed how so many people are drawn to water as a source of relaxation? Why do you suppose that is?
- How do you plan to live in the joy of our freedom this week? What would change tomorrow if you truly sang the song Isaiah talked about?

End your time together praying for one another; pray that each member of the group would joyfully express their freedom this week. Ask God to provide plenty of opportunities to share the incredible freedom they have with those around them this week.