



WHAT IF IT'S TRUE . . . THAT YOU ARE FREE

In preparation for the final online Bible study on June 25, you may wish to read through the following questions and Bible passages. We will consider these and other topics during our live discussion. Preparation is not required.

QUESTION: WHAT IS FREEDOM?

Consider: How would you describe freedom? What does it look and feel like?

Consider: What does the *pursuit* of freedom look and feel like? Does *freedom* look or feel different from the *pursuit* of freedom?

Consider: As Christians, what are we freed *from*? What are we freed *for*?

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READ: ECCLESIASTES 2:17-23

“So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured me effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge, and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.”

Consider: What does the author of Ecclesiastes seem to understand about the human pursuit of meaning and value?

READ: THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:34-40—

Galatians 5:1-6—

Galatians 5:13-26—

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Consider: Because we are already justified in Christ, what are we now free to do, according to Matthew?

Consider: How does this freedom impact our understanding of vocation?

Consider: According to Galatians 5:1-6, **from what** have we been freed?

Consider: According to Galatians 5:13-26, **for what purpose** have we been freed?

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