

CROSS WORDS SERIES

"I Am Free"

Titus 2: 11 - 14

- **You Need a Redeemer to Rescue You.**

- **You Need a Redeemer Who's Willing to Pay the Cost.**

- **The Redeemer will Set You Free.**

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- **Read Romans 8:1-8.** When one confesses belief in Christ, he is freed of all sin; then to empower him to live a victorious life, he is filled with the Holy Spirit. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus freed you from the penalty of all your sins--past, present, and future? What do your daily choices say to Jesus regarding His tremendous sacrifice? Share a time when the Holy Spirit gave you power to make a right choice as opposed to a popular choice. How did it make you feel? The Spirit and the flesh (old man) are always at war; sometimes the flesh wins. Share a time when you recognized the Spirit and flesh at war and your flesh won. How did it make you feel? How do you think God felt? List 5 things you can do to feed the Spirit so that it may be stronger.
- **Read 2 Cor. 5:17.** When believers are freed from their past, they become new creatures. Discuss evidence of the new creature that you have become. What 'passed away'? What old thing(s) were you most proud of? Why? Explain how the 'new creature' impacts your relationships, interests, etc.
- **Read I Peter 4:1.** What does this passage of scripture say about the challenges of life following 'freedom' from the past? Discuss any criticism and/or rejection you may have endured from persons in your circle as a result of your new life. What consolation for rejoicing in the new life do you receive from this scripture? What encouragement do you receive to witness to others in an effort to help them become free?
- **Read Matt. 26:41.** Jesus has freed us from our sins. However, within that freedom we can choose to live as slaves. Explain how this is possible. What kind of ordinary temptations to act contrary to the 'new man' have you faced this week? How did the Holy Spirit help you to cope?
- **Read I Peter 2:9-12.** What does it mean to you to be royalty? Since you are of a royal priesthood, what impact should this have on the way you represent yourself, the kingdom and your LORD? How do you think the non-believing persons in your circle see you? What do you need to change to be an even greater representation of the royalty that you are? Referencing v. 12, tell why it is a serious matter to 'represent' well.
- **Read Eph. 4:22-32.** According to this passage of scripture what is the ultimate goal of the new man? Identify the things in this passage of scripture which should be on the new man's 'to do' list to help him attain the ultimate goal. Compare your 'to do' list with the one in these verses.
- **Read I Cor. 5:7A.** Why is 'yeast' such an appropriate symbol for sin? Give an example from your experience of how sin acts like yeast. Discuss the likely outcome if a little yeast (sin) is allowed to remain.
- **Taking It Home:** How Will I Apply It: Review the new man's 'to do' list found in Ephesians 4:22-32. Identify the items which are the greatest struggle for you. Take them to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help you to overcome them once and for all.

Growth Group Discussion Guide

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