

# MORE FREEDOM

Colossians 2:16-23

## MESSAGE RECAP

We live in a country that values freedoms, yet we end up finding ways to give it up. This week's passage is asking a group of believers who are free not to go back into bondage through legalism. We don't want to become so legalistic that we end up judging, believing, or thinking our worth is based on what we do or don't do. Jesus makes it clear; we are free (John 8:36). We live from a place of freedom so don't go back to legalism. "You broke up with legalism, DON'T GO BACK!"

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. In what ways have you experienced different forms of legalism in your life, at our church, in your own way of thinking?
3. Take 5 minutes to read through this passage out loud and give your group time to pray through the passage. In what ways is God speaking into the things you've seen and shared?
4. Looking at Colossians 2:16-17, we said, "We are free from the judgment of legalism." That's possible because of Jesus. Read Colossians 2:13-15 again.
  - a. How does Jesus free us from all judgment?
  - b. Are there areas where you have become judgmental of others inside the church? Be honest and confess as the Spirit leads.
5. Looking at Colossians 2:18-19, we said, "We are free from believing fake religious people. In what ways do you see this happening right now?"
6. Looking at Colossians 2:20-23, we said, "We are free from thinking our relationship with God is dependent on what we do or don't do."
  - a. How might you fall back into this way of thinking?
  - b. Read 1 Corinthians 10:23 out loud. How might one take their freedom in Christ too far?
7. Where do you need to find freedom over legalism?

## PRAY