

**At The Movies**  
**Week 1: Robin Hood**  
**Empower Every Man**

**For Small Groups Meeting the Week of July 4th**

**BIG IDEA: WE ARE NOT ENSLAVED BUT WE HAVE GREAT FREEDOM IN CHRIST**

**CONNECT** with God's family: (15 minutes)

1. We just celebrated Independence Day. What is a freedom that you enjoy in the United States?

**GROW** in Christ: (45 minutes)

As we begin the series, "At the movies", let's consider these verses from the Bible.

**Read aloud the following passages from the Bible:**

*So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.*

**Galatians 5:1 (NLT)**

*You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom. This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough! I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you.*

**Galatians 7:10**

*For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.*

**Galatians 5:13**

*But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Romans 7:23-25**

*So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

**Romans 8:15**

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you think legalism spreads, like yeast in dough?
2. Legalism is man-made rules without context. Sean said "It's not about following rules; it's about the heart." How can the phrase "The letter of the law vs. the spirit of the law." Help us understand legalism?
3. Freedom in Christ is not freedom to sin but freedom from sin. Discuss the difference.
4. Pastor Sean gave the illustration of the Space Mountain roller coaster being scary because you can't see what's coming next. What kind of things do you wish you could see coming?
5. Intimacy is the antidote to fear. The better you know and are known, the more confident you feel about the future. When have you seen this to be true?

### **SERVE others: (10 minutes)**

Review the main points of this week's Bible message.

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- 1) Freedom from Legalism
- 2) Freedom From Sin
- 3) Freedom From Fear

1. What is revealed in Romans 8:15 that can help dispel fears about God and his care for us?

**SHARE Christ:** (10 minutes)

**Memory Verse:**

*Do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.*  
Galatians 5:13b (NIV)

**WORSHIP**

Ask each person in the group to answer this question then close in prayer, praying for each other's requests.

**How can we help you in prayer this week?**

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