



Redemption

Exodus 6:6; 2 Corinthians 5:11–6:2; Titus 2:11-14

OPEN

As you look around, listening to the news, reading papers, talking to kids...what are some of the major areas that are in need of redemption in our world?

What does "redemption" mean to you at a basic level? How would you say the Bible defines or uses this term?

DISCUSS

Understanding Redemption:

- Read Exodus 6:6 and Titus 2:11-14. Discuss and bridge the gap (application) of these two verses.
- Redemption is the purchasing of something/someone (rooted in slavery) so that they become your possession—freed from the former owner. Think of it as life under new ownership.
 - Why is this definition appropriate for describing God's work in both Old and New Testaments? How does redemption fit into the gospel?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11—6:2

Part of the good news of the gospel is that we (every one of us) have a mission to make disciples and participate in God's redemptive work in this world.

- Do you often think of yourself as God's "A" Plan for reconciling and redeeming this world for the glory of God?
- How have you been part of this mission of redemption and reconciliation (whether in "large" or "small" ways) in the past? How has God used you in the lives of others?
- What is key to seeing life through the lens of our mission (see 2 Cor 5:16-19).
- If someone asked you what they could do to live more intentionally as *ambassadors* of God's work in this world (5:20), what would you encourage them to do?

Not only are we individually given this mission, but collectively, as the church, redemption and reconciliation are to define the Christian community (church) in Christ. You may say it becomes who we are as a people formed by God.

- Would you say the church (whether our local church or the broader church around the world) reflects a redemptive community? Explain.

What are the signs or fruit of redemptive communities:

How are you challenged by these verses, questions and discussion? Is there a next step for your take as a result? What will you do?

GETTING THE GOSPEL

Get right with God (*Justification*)

Overcome Your Character Flaws (*Sanctification*)

Set Your Course By Reliable Truth (*Revelation: Bible and Holy Spirit*)

Participate in Renewing This World (*Redemption and Reconciliation*)

Enjoy Life Beyond Death (*Resurrection*)

Love with the Greatest Love of All (*Glorification*)

How does understanding the gospel this way change or impact how you have previously thought about the gospel?

NEXT STEPS

- Look for opportunities to be an ambassador of redemption and reconciliation this week. Who else can you invite to partner with you (family, coworkers, group members, others from the church...) in living into a redemptive mission?