

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Lifegroup Study - Wild and Free - Deeper

We are doing a series called WILD and Free.

Freedom is a hallmark of the Kingdom of God and there is an aspect of God's nature that is wild and untamed. He is an all powerful God who is forever sovereign in all he does. He is the one true God who really has it ALL. As his children and his church we have an inheritance that is wild and free – full of hope and expectation of good things to come.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:4-8

- What does the Apostle Paul say our faith should rest on?
- Why do you think it matters what our faith “rests” on?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:8-16

- What are the implications for us if we are to share in the mind of Christ?
- How does life look for us if we live in this spiritual reality?

There is danger that if we rush through our life without creating room to hear from God and understand the ways of God then we will miss out – big time!! We will fail to mature. We will live frustrated and resentful rather than resting in his GREAT love and experiencing the POWER of God in our very own lives and the lives of those around us.

- How do you create room to hear from God?

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no revelation (of the Word of God), people cast off restraint;
but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

- Is freedom all about having no restraints?
- Why do we need a revelation of God's word?
- What do you imagine a “revelation” looks like?

When we orientate our lives around Jesus and the Word of God we in effect turn around and walk in the opposite direction to the WORLD.

Read 1 Corinthians 4:10

- Have you ever felt foolish for having faith?

Read Isaiah 55:9-11

- Do you think that the world expects God to conform to its standards? Do we?

Gods wisdom is higher and greater and deeper than our human wisdom. His wisdom is firmly established in love and will require us to shed our selfish selves in order to move freely in the kingdom of God and 'love from the centre of who we are' as Eugene Peterson puts it in the message. One would conclude that if God is LOVE which indeed he is, then the deeper we go with Him, in Him, the wilder and freer we will be able to LOVE. And this wild and free love will plot the course for our lives. Love will be our root cause. It will save us from ourselves and our inclination to fall in love with the WORLD.

1 John 2:15-17 The Message (MSG) Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting.

- Is this true in your experience?

If we consider the following statements about God and who he is as revealed to us in scripture and testimony how does this line up with your expectation of God?

Omniscient - All Knowing

: knowing everything : having unlimited understanding or knowledge

Omnipotent - All Powerful

- : having complete or unlimited power

Omnipresent - All present

- : present in all places at all times

OMNIBENEVOLENT -All good

- kind and generous and good
- organized to do good things for other people