

NEVER READ_A BIBLE VERSE*

Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them... Titus 2.9

Six: Slavery

*Without Context.

Titus 2:9 Exodus 21: 2, 7 & 16 Ephesians 6:5 Deuteronomy 23 1 Timothy 1:10 Galatians 3:2 Leviticus 25:43 Galatians 3:28 Leviticus 19:18 Matthew 5:42-44

ASK US: What questions do you have that you want to ask us about this topic/verses covered?

RECAP & DISCUSSION STARTERS:

The Bible's story is about God liberating us from slavery. When we see God as the creator and redeemer of all people, slavery disappears because it cannot survive. God changes us to view everyone as made in God's image, it is like a process to move people from one way of seeing the world into another.

- We are to love our neighbor, not own them (Lev 19:18, Matt 5:42-44, Rom 13:9-10)
- We are to love others as we would want to be loved (Matt 22:39, Gal 5:14)
- We are to be imitators of God.
- Galatians 3:28 says there is no distinction of "who is better" in the kingdom of God – In front of God we are equal.

We are all equal in that we ALL bear the image of God.

- In what ways is the culture the Bible was written in different than ours in terms of slavery? How was it the same?
- In what ways can we see that God didn't create or condone slavery?
- Why didn't God just say, "end slavery now?"
- In what ways is God constantly moving His people away from the effects of the fall and back to the reaffirming truth in the original creation?
 - O How can we join Him in this mission?
- What forms of Slavery exist today?
- How can the church step in and respond to today's slavery problem?