

**Fulwood Free Methodist Church**

**Message Series: Set Free**

**Unpacking what it means to be “born again”**



**Week three**

**Repentance towards a Holy God**

**Sunday Morning 27th January 2019**

## Questions for Personal and Home Group Study

These questions are based around the content of today's talks at our morning services and it will also be useful to listen to the podcast and consider the key Bible verses.

### Key Bible verses:

### Romans 6:8-23

### Questions

- 1) In Luke 15 we see a father out looking for his errant son.
  - Given that older men did not run in the culture of the time, what does this tell us about the father?
  - What was the son's reaction?
  - What did the father then do and what is the significance of the robe, ring and sandals given to the restored son?
  
- 2) We have been freely forgiven and are called to freely forgive. (See Matthew 18:23-35)
  - How much have we been forgiven?
  - Is there anyone we cannot forgive? (Look also at Jesus, our great example, and who he forgave in Luke 23:34)

3) Read Romans 6:8-23

- Summarize in your words what God has done for us in Christ.
- Think back to week one of our study and the prophets foretelling of what God would do in the future (Ezekiel 36: 35-39). Why is sin no longer our master?

4) Read Hebrews 12:4-11

- Why do we have an ongoing struggle against sin? (See also Ephesians 6:10-18)
- How do we overcome?
- What are the ways we know God's discipline in our lives?

5) What do we learn from 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 & Romans 12:2 about the renewing of our minds and taking every thought captive?

- What can we do as disciples to make this a reality in our day to day lives?

## **Set Free:**

In this series we are looking at what it means to say someone is born again and set free.

It all starts with the Spirit of God seeking the lost and revealing to us that we need a Saviour and His name is Jesus. As we accept Jesus as our Saviour the Spirit convicts us of the need for repentance before our Father. As a sign and seal of what has taken place we are baptised and finally the Spirit who started the whole birthing process seals us with his indwelling presence and gives us gifts. In new testament times this process often took less than 24 hours and the new believers were radically different from their former selves. In the contemporary UK church scene this process can take years and leads to many problems and often ineffective disciples. The aim of the course is to put our understanding of what being "born again" is all about back on track with Scripture and help us be disciples who make disciples.

13th Jan – New Beginnings

20th Jan – Believing in Jesus

## **27th Jan – Repentance towards a Holy God**

3rd Feb – Baptism in Water

10th Feb – Sealed by the Spirit

17th Feb – Becoming a disciple