

Ice Breaker

- **Icebreaker:** Growing up, how did your family celebrate Easter? If so, what were some of your family traditions?
- **High's & Lows:** What was the high point of the past week? The low point?

Key Questions

- What's one idea from Sunday's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- *"Forgiveness is God's business, but freedom is my choice."* Many people experience the first promise of Passover (promise of salvation), but fail to experience the power of the second promise (promise of deliverance). Why do you think this is? What would lead someone to stop short of true freedom?
- *"Sing your song."* Ps David read the famous poem, "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou. The poem ends with the line, *"The caged bird sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom."* How does opening our mouth to worship God or talk openly with a friend elevate us out of bondage and into a place of freedom? Why would someone worship God in the middle of pain? Why risk your comfort and share your weaknesses with a Christian friend?

Optional Questions – If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

- <u>Read Isaiah 54:17 aloud.</u> We're free from every weapon that is formed against us. There is not only healing from the sins we commit, but there is also healing for the sins that were committed against us. Jesus' blood covers all of it. How does this encourage you? What else sticks out to you from this verse?
- <u>Read Exodus 16:1-4 aloud.</u> In this passage the recently freed people of God are complaining about how slavery was better than their new freedom. They were out of Egypt, but Egypt wasn't out of them. What role does renewing your mind play in experiencing true freedom?
- <u>Read Deuteronomy 30:19 aloud.</u> The first step towards freedom is making the choice to live free. Why would God allow us to choose between life and death? Why is choice a requirement for freedom?

Announcement: Sunday is part 3 of "It Is Finished!" – "The Promise of Redemption."

• **EASTER SUNDAY:** Easter is April 1st – *it's a great Sunday to bring a friend!*