

Thornbury Baptist Church
Small Group Discussion Questions

Talk Date: March 22nd 2026

Talk title: It is Finished: the end of captivity!

Passage: Mark 10:45; 1 Peter 1:18-20

Speaker: David Lawrence

Note to discussion leader: there is a lot of material here so do feel free to be selective!

Discussion Questions

1. When Jesus describes his life-purpose as serving others by being their 'ransom' (Mark 10:45), what does that say about Jesus, and what does that say about the people he has come to serve?
2. Read John 8:34. What does it mean for 'everyone who sins' to be a 'prisoner of sin'?
 - 'Sin' is an unpopular word today. Why is that?
 - Can we talk about the cross of Jesus without talking about sin? If so, how?
 - Do you think people resonate with the idea of being 'trapped' or 'powerless' in their own lives?
3. The passage in 1 Peter:18-20 gives more detail about Jesus being our 'ransom'. What more do we learn there?
 - In the talk David pointed out the connection to the sacrificial lamb that saved the Hebrew prisoners in Egypt from God's judgment and the 'angel of death' (Exodus 12:1-5,7, 12,13). How is the lamb that protected the Israelites in Egypt a 'prototype' of Jesus?
4. Romans 6:1-14 is a passage in which we read about the effect of Jesus being our ransom. Read the passage and reflect together on what it tells us about being 'set free' by Jesus.
5. In the talk David mentioned four 'consequences' of Jesus giving his life as our ransom. One of those was the issue of lifestyle. As we have been 'purchased' by Jesus, we now have a different 'master', and so should live accordingly. (1 Corinthians 6:20). How helpful is that insight as a motivation for Christian discipleship?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

Spend time praying with one another in the light of your discussion.