



Responding to the Call to Freedom

Multi-Ethnic Ministry Series: Video 2 - Dialogue 1

Group Facilitator:	Take a moment to outline what the discussion will be, and open your time together with prayer.
Scripture Reading:	Jeremiah 6:16
Opening Exercise:	<p>View Video 2 – “Valuing Our Heritage”</p> <p>Give participants a moment of silence after viewing the video to reflect on what phrase or idea left the greatest impression on them. Have participants write down the phrase or idea so they don’t forget!</p> <p>Ask, “What spoke to you and why?”</p>
Opening Questions:	<p>How does our understanding of history influence our lives?</p> <p>What brought you into your local Free Methodist church?</p>
Core Freedoms:	<p>In 1860, the “free” in Free Methodist emphasized certain basic freedoms found in the Scriptures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human freedom, upholding the right of every person to be free, denying the right of anyone to hold slaves• Freedom and simplicity in worship• Free seats in church, so the poor will not be kept out or discriminated against• Freedom and openness in relationships and loyalties so the truth may always be spoken freely• Freedom of lay persons to be fully involved at all levels of decision making• Freedom from materialism in order to help the poor <p>How are these core freedoms still valid today?</p>
Scripture Focus:	<p>Galatians 5:13-26</p> <p>How do various forms of prejudice and acts of discrimination reflect our sinful nature?</p> <p>What are the more subtle expressions of our sinful nature?</p> <p>How is freedom not doing “whatever you want”?</p> <p>What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit” in relation to our prejudices?</p>
Personal Response:	How should your freedom in Christ impact the way you respond to prejudice, discrimination and injustice? How can our church embody freedom in Christ for our community?
Group Facilitator:	Have participants close their time together with prayer.
