



## Week 1 - Freedom in Worship

### You Have A Choice!

What, or whom, will you worship in 2025? You can choose God's freedom over bondage to sin and find the life you were created for. In the coming weeks, we will explore a life of authentic worship, lived in community.

#### 1 - Watch the Video for Week 1 with Pastor Scott

**2 - Spiritual Health Inventory** - As Pastor Scott mentioned on Sunday, this tool helps take your spiritual pulse and make intentions for growing in Word and Spirit. Complete the inventory and share any insights with your group.

#### 3 - Main points & passages from Sunday's sermon -

If your group has time, review these passages, or read for your own study:

- 1. We were created for worship - made in the image of God** (Gen 1:26-27)
- 2. Humanity seeks to establish themselves as idols at Babel - God confuses their languages** (Gen 10-11)
- 3. God responds to Israel's bondage in Egypt - to Pharaoh, and to idolatry**
  - **Read Exodus 3:7-12** - *This passage tells us why God acts to redeem the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.*
- 4. God sees, hears, and knows their suffering. He responds and acts to break their bondage and invite Israel into a covenant of worship with Him.**
- 5. God is serious about worship!**
- 6. God embeds worship patterns into the Covenant:**
  - **The Shema** - read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - *what does this passage teach us about worship? Where is the primary place where worship happens? How do we pass on worship to future generations?*
  - **The Feasts** - Leviticus 23: reenacting God's gracious acts of freedom
    - Sabbath - *made in His image for worship*
    - Passover - *the time of our freedom*
    - First Fruits - *begins the harvest, day after Passover Sabbath*
    - Shavuot / Pentecost - *arrival at Sinai, Covenant ceremony - the time of our sanctification*
  - **NT Fulfillments:** God's new Covenant of freedom
    - Sabbath - *Christ incarnate in the womb of Mary* (Luke 1:35)
    - Passover - *sacrifice for freedom* (1 Corinthians 5:7 & Galatians 5:1)
    - First Fruits - *begins the harvest* (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)
    - Shavuot / Pentecost - *a new Covenant ceremony* (Acts 2)

**Pray for each other - Share how you plan to intentionally grow as a worshipper in the coming weeks!**

### A Pattern of Worship:

Deuteronomy 6 instructs Israel to follow a pattern of daily worship that was woven into their everyday life. This still provides a rhythm for us to develop a life of worship. How can you use this pattern to develop your worship practices?

*When you rise up...*

*When you lie down...*

*When you are around the house...*

*When you walk along the way...*

