



## **“No Longer Slaves”**

For the week of October 8 - 14, 2017

### **Main Thought:**

Without Christ, we are slaves to sin. We can often be controlled by our selfish desires, which the Bible says leads to death. But God, in His love and mercy, sent His Son and through Jesus, we are no longer slaves to sin. Through Christ, we are chosen (handpicked by God), we become His children (relate to God as Father), and also commissioned (empowered to impact lives around us). With everything that has happened in our country, we can make a difference by sharing the love of Christ with as many people as we can.

### **Main Passages:**

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him...” (Ephesians 1:3-4 ESV)*

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)*

*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10 ESV)*

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16 ESV)*

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **Higher: Getting Closer to God**

- Describe a time when you felt left out. How does it make you feel to know that God has already chosen you, despite your flaws?
- What do you think it means to be a “child” of God?

#### **Deeper: Applying God's Word in Community**

- What does scripture say we were created for?
- What does that look like in your life?

#### **Wider: Impacting Your World**

- Pray for someone you know that may be in darkness. How can you be the light in their situation?

### **Communications:**

#### **Seek Week: October 24 - 26**

We believe in the power of prayer and fasting. As a church, we will embark on three days of dynamic intercession, where we pause to seek God as He leads us forward with His mission. We encourage Grace Groups to turn into prayer groups on October 24 - 26 from 6:30pm-7:30pm at our Main Campus, or on October 24 from 7:00pm-8:00pm at Windward Community College. To see our prayer targets, go to [pearlside.org/seekweek](http://pearlside.org/seekweek) or check out our Pearlside App.

