

FREEDOM

OPEN

What are you most excited about for this upcoming year?

REFLECT

What was one thing that deepened your faith from this sermon? What was one thing that challenged you?

In what ways have you experienced freedom in your own life? What did it feel like when you weren't free? What did the journey towards freedom look like for you?

What comes to your mind when you think about the question, "What kind of church does God want?"

Do you feel like you are experiencing deep love and Christ-centered encouragement in your small group? Where is it happening well? Where would you like to experience that more?

Of the five priorities Dan mentioned for our church, (healthy succession, make disciples, invest into the next generation, advance God's work internationally, honor God with our resources), is there one particular that really stirs your heart?

Read Romans 13:8. What do you think about The Creek's vision to become debt free in the near future? Explain.

The goal of receiving an additional 7 million dollars as a church over the next two years is significant! What was your initial reaction to hearing it?

When Dan mentioned that the church could attain the 7 million dollar goal if each person increased their giving from 10% to 15% for two years, what came to your mind? Do you think that is an attainable goal for you and your family?

Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. What does this passage teach you about the debt that we owed that could only be paid by Jesus? How does it feel to know we have a Savior who did that for us?

APPLY

What steps would be wise and helpful to take to determine what God might be calling you to contribute to the freedom vision?

PRAY

This week, prayerfully consider how you might be able to partner with us and God in where he is leading us as a church in regard to the freedom initiative.

NEXT STEPS

For some, calling the Christmas season “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year” might be a bit of an overstatement—or even flat-out wrong. With the busyness and bittersweet memories that often seem to accompany the season, it’s easy to lose the wonder. But no matter how we feel about the holidays, all of us can agree: when we view this season (or any season) in light of the gift of Jesus, it becomes the most wonderful time.

1. Attend **Welcome to the Creek!** This is your one-stop shop into finding out more about who we are as a church and how you can partner with God in what he is doing in this world! Join us the first and third Sunday of any month! Visit thecreek.org for more details.
2. Sign up for **Rooted!** Rooted is a 10-week discipleship journey to help you connect with God, the church, and your purpose! Registration opens on January 20th. For more information, please visit www.thecreek.org/rooted.
3. Check out the **Dwell** app. This is a new audio Bible app that keeps Scripture in your ears and on your heart. You can download this app on your mobile device. You can get more information about it at dwellapp.io.