

Bought!

Focus: on joyfully submitting to the Lordship of Christ because He bought us and made us His own

NW's 2018 Priority

Key Word: Bought

- **Bumper Sticker:** Bought: we belong to Christ!
- **Full statement of priority:** to be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people...
 - such that, (these are the markers we are looking for increase in this year)
 - ...we would be in awe of this privilege (delight)
 - ...we would respond in willing obedience
 - ...we would invite others to join us! (evangelism)



Discussion:

- Read Rom. 6.19; Titus 3.3. What did it mean for you to be a slave to sin? Do you think that this implies that everyone who isn't a Christian is a slave to sin?
- Read 1 Pet. 1.18-19; Rom. 6.22; Rev. 1.5. What does the imagery of being bought or ransomed mean? How does that affect you when you think about it?
- Read Rom. 6.22; 14:7-9; 1 Cor. 6.19. Do you think of yourself as a slave of God? What is the meaning of that imagery? How do you keep that from being a negative idea?
- What does our identity as slaves/servants of God imply about our obedience to God? How can you embrace this more fully, in a way that helps you be more gladly obedient to your Master
- How ought the concept of these 2 slaveries shape the way you approach the Lord's table this year? How can you be more mindful of these truths during the supper?
- spend time together in prayer, reflecting on what it means for you to be God's slave and submitting and rejoicing in that together.
 - pray for apprehension of the privilege of being in God's family as sons, daughters, friends and slaves!... and for increased delight in that!
 - pray for increased obedience in response to the privilege of belonging to Christ!
 - pray for an increased desire and opportunity to invite others into this relationship with Christ