Freedom – Romans 5
Sermon Based Life Group Notes for the week of October 6

Getting To Know Each Other
- Have you ever been stopped or detained by law enforcement officers? What was the "crime"? What was the penalty? Did you pay a fine, go to jail or did you escape punishment?
- Who do you look like the most? Your mom or your dad? Who do you act most like?

Into the Bible
Read Romans 5:1-11
- What does justification mean? How do we get it?
- How does justification change our relationship with God?
- What happened to the wrath of God? Verse 9
- Read Philippians 4:6. How is "peace with God" (Romans 5:1) different than the "peace of God" (Philippians 4:6)?
- Because we are at peace with God, how should we face struggles and pain? V 3-4
- In verse 5, what does God put into our hurting hearts that will give us hope?
- When did Jesus die for us? verse 6
- How does God show his love for us? verse 8
- Application: Has there ever been a time in your life when you saw the truth of verses 3-5? How did you journey through it all to find hope?
  Application: Since we are at peace with God, how should we respond after we trip up and fall into sin?

Read Romans 5:12-21
- Who is the source of the sin of all the world?
- Read Genesis 3:1-6. What was Adam's sin? Why is he the source of all the sin in the world and not Eve?
- Read Genesis 3:8-13. What different problems does Adam's sin bring upon him?
- Read Genesis 3:17-19. What are the consequences for Adam?
- Read Genesis 4:1-9. What heart breaking situation happened with Adam's children? How is Cain's sin like Adam's?
- Today, sin has evolved into something that is very diverse. Is there a root of all sin?
- In verse 18, what is the "one act" that can bring righteousness to the world?
- Explain how Jesus' death and resurrection makes us righteous.
- Application: Think about generational sin. What sin pattern can you see in you that you inherited from your parents?
- Application: Without Jesus' amazing grace, what sin would you be stuck in today?