

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

For Faith Groups and Further Study

1. According to the text of 6:1, what is Paul's primary motive in instructing slaves? Why is this important to this sensitive issue?
2. Do you tend to treat Christian employers better or worse than non-Christian ones? If worse, how might 6:2 challenge your attitude and behavior in this area?
3. Considering the strong emotions associated with the issue of slavery, what kind of attitude do you think should characterize conversations about this issue? Should it be ignored and avoided or discussed?
4. Have you ever had a conversation about or heard anyone criticize the Bible and what it says, or rather what it doesn't say, about slavery? What concerns do you have personally when you read about what the Bible says about this issue?
5. How have Christian societies in the past used the Bible to justify slavery?
6. How was the American slave trade different from the slavery in Old Testament Israel or in New Testament Rome?
7. How do the various forms of slavery violate the principle that all people have equal dignity before their Creator?
8. In what ways can you honor your employer this week whether he or she is a Christian or not? How might you glorify God and advance the gospel in your work this week?
9. Does your attitude, behavior, and ethic at work reflect who you are in Christ? Why or why not?
10. How does our understanding of slavery help us appreciate what Jesus did for us? How does it help us understand our proper response?

MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

Destination Love | Part 12 | I Timothy 6:1-2

1. Historical slavery
 - a. The world was, and is, filled with various types of slavery.
 - i. Hebrew servanthood
 - ii. Roman slavery
 - iii. Indentured servitude
 - iv. The African slave trade
 - b. Biblical perspective on slavery.
 - i. It is not part of God's created order it is a product of _____.
 - ii. Circumstances in the _____ world require specific instructions.
 - iii. Biblical instructions regarding slavery do not imply _____.
2. Biblical slavery (6:1-2)
 - a. The Bible _____ slavery.
 - b. The Bible _____ slavery.
 - c. The Bible _____ slaves.
 - d. The Bible _____ slaves.