

Small Group Questions for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010-07-25

Sermon Series: Unshackled

From: Newhope stories

Text: Nahum 1:12-13 “ This is what the Lord says, “..O Judah...I will...tear your shackles away.”

1. We have traversed a wide range of scripture passages through this sermon series. Do you have a favourite passage or verse that really spoke to your heart?
2. Which of the themes from the series spoke to you? (God's Heart for Freedom, When Freedom Doesn't Come, The High Cost of Our Release, Celebrating Freedom, Keys to Financial Freedom, Break Free From Worry, Sin, Religion, Past Mistakes, Setting Other's Free.)
3. Some great testimonies were shared in our church services of how people experienced being “unshackled” by God during this sermon series. Can you add to these stories from something in your own experience? Have you made any decisions that have resulted in a new sense of freedom for you?
4. Jesus said, “So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through.” (John 8:36 - The Message). Take some time to thank Jesus for what he has done for us, his great gift of grace and freedom.
5. Jesus also said, “In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world.” (John 16:33 – The Message). Notice that Jesus does not promise us a life free of trouble. But he does remind us that ultimately he is Lord of all. Pray for each other, to strengthen and encourage each other in the face of life's difficulties, the “unshackling” challenges we still face and to be reminded of Jesus' absolute Lordship and ultimate victory.