

## GROUP DISCUSSION

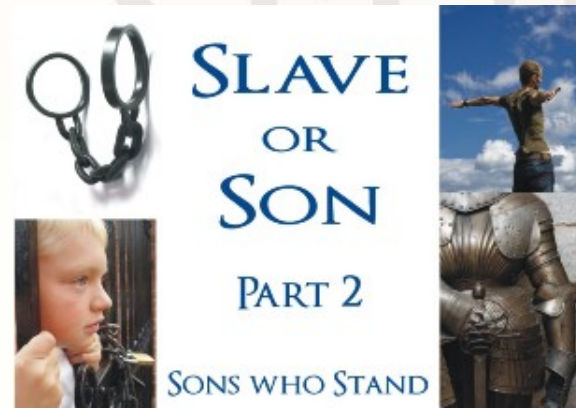
- Can you remember a time where you reacted as a child? (therefore contrary to what true love teaches). How will you react differently in the future?
- Read Galatians 4:7 and John 8:35 in different translations and memorize the passages in your favorite translation.

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

Is there currently a situation in your life that is standing like a huge mountain in front of you? How will you approach this situation as a child of God?

## PRAYER

Ask God, as a group, to give each one of you a Godly perspective regarding the various situations in your lives so that we can walk as true sons of God according to the Spirit.



## WEEK 5

## CONNECTION

What was it that you and your brothers or sisters argued the most about when you were a child? How did you react, as a child, when things didn't go your way? Share this with the group.

## WORD

Welcome to week five in our series, *Slave of Son*. It is God's desire that we no longer have the mentality of a slave or even a child but to start operating in that of a son - something the whole earth is longing for.

**Romans 8:19 (NIV)**

*The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.*

### 1. Be careful of what you listen to and what you look at

**Mark 8:14-21**

*Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod," And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread." But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for*

*the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" And they said to Him, "Twelve." "Also, when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?" And they said, "Seven." So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?"*

The disciples forgot to buy bread and started arguing among one another. A while before Jesus and His disciples got into the boat, the pharisees reasoned with Him to test Him. After this incident the disciples got into the boat and realised they forgot to buy bread and started arguing. It is possible that they also started reasoning among one another and forgot to buy bread. Jesus warns them against the leaven of the pharisees - a spirit of dispute that walks hand in hand with religion and slavery and can be easily transferred.

Therefore be careful of what you listen to and what you watch, as it is so easy to pick up a spirit of dispute from someone else. When we allow arguing, discord and judgement in our hearts, we are still in slavery and it is impossible for us to see God's provision.

#### **Luke 6:37-38**

*"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."*

## **2. The attitude of love**

### **1Corinthians 13**

*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things,*

*believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

God wants His Spirit to flow through us in the form of gifts but if we let it come through works and not through true love, it is in vain. Om met die verkeerde gesindheid - dus sonder die gesindheid van die liefde - in die gawes te vloei of uit te deel aan ander of selfs my liggaam op te offer, is soos om met vuil hande kos te maak. Dit is om soos 'n kind op te tree. 'n Kind is afgunstig, net vriendelik wanneer dit hom pas. 'n Kind soek meestal sy eie belang en kan vreeslik liggeraak wees. 'n Kind sal maklik boek hou van die kwaad en selfs grootpraterig wees.

As long as we act as children, we only have a vague image of God. But when we start acting like sons and react in the Spirit, we start seeing the whole picture and we can experience true liberty.

### **2 Corinthians 3:17, 18**

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*