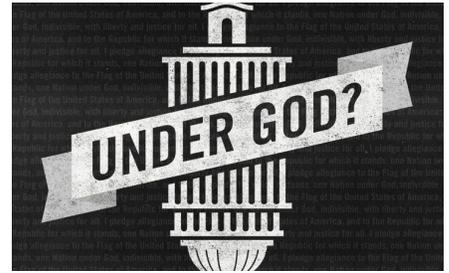


Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for October 20-21, 2018:
Under God? Liberty & Justice



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- Did you say the Pledge of Allegiance in school? What do you remember about that?

- **Grow**

(read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Gal. 5:13-15

- What do you think liberty means to most Americans? What does liberty mean to you?
- Is American liberty the same or different from the freedom Paul is writing about?
- How might a Christ follower use freedom to indulge the flesh?
- How is a Christian both free and not free at the same time? Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33
- What does "justice" mean to the average American? What does the biblical term "justice" mean?
- What marginal groups does God align himself with in the Bible? What are some marginal groups on our culture today? How might you align with these groups?
- Discuss: *Life is not a matter of place, things or comfort; rather, it concerns the basic human rights of family, country, justice and human dignity.* Imelda Marcos

- **Serve**

- This week, ask God where you can build a bridge to greater inner freedom or justice for someone in your life.
- How might your CGS community work together to help a marginalized person or family?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**