

# MC STUDY GUIDE

For the week of May 2, 2021

**Sermon Series:** FILLED  
**Series Description:** Exploring the motivations and characteristics of a disciple of Jesus Christ  
**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 2:13-17  
**Sermon Title:** Free to Obey

1) Take a minute to share your highs and lows of your week.

**Sermon Summary:** We've seen a natural progression from the first four sermons of the "Filled" series. We started with the resurrection of Jesus giving us a new identity. Next, we learned that our new identity comes with being holy, set apart for the Lord. Last week, Pastor Scott talked about how our holiness makes us elect exiles in the world. This week, Pastor Jason showed us how the next logical step is for the disciple of Jesus to live in **obedience**. Our obedience to Jesus is motivated by his love for us and not a 'to-do' list. To obey God draws us into deeper fellowship with the Father and reveals more and more the nature of his heart and will. We are able to live joy-filled obedient lives because Jesus already lived a perfect life.

2) How far back do we have to go to find humanity having a problem with obedience and why do you think we wrestle with it?

3) Pastor Jason talked about getting God in our pocket; being obedient to Him so that he'll have to bless us in return. Why do you think this is a wrong perspective on God? Is there an example from your own life in which you exemplify this perspective?

4) What did Pastor Jason say about our ability to obey God if we have a problem obeying the authorities and powers around us (teachers, bosses, parents, etc)? Do you identify with what he said?

5) Read Titus 2:14. According to the Apostle Paul's words, what is the reason and motivation for the disciple to live obediently doing good works?

6) Give an example from your own life in which you don't feel an overwhelming desire to obey one of God's commands, but you do it anyway because you know it will please Him.

7) What would you say to someone who was joyless and exhausted in obeying God out of fear, duty, and shame?