

Sermon Discussion Guide Anchors Series - Religious Liberty Luke 6:32-33

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James Ireland wrote from the Culpeper jail: "I counted the cost, freedom or confinement, liberty or a prison... Having ventured all upon Christ, I determined to suffer all for Him."

- What impresses you most about the courage of these early Baptists?
- What does their example teach us about following Christ?

John Leland wrote: "Religion is a matter between God and individuals and civil rulers have nothing to do with religion in their official capacities."

In the message Dan said: "We believe in religious liberty because every human being is created in the image of God. Freedom of conscience is not merely a political idea—it is a theological conviction."

- How does believing every person is made in God's image change the way we think about religious liberty?
- Why is it important that Christians defend freedom of conscience for everyone—not just ourselves?

"Our commitment to religious liberty is not determined by how others treat us. It is rooted in who we are and in what Jesus has taught us."

- Why is it difficult to defend the rights of people whose beliefs we strongly disagree with?
- What would it look like to treat people of other faiths with both conviction and respect?

"We don't need government to privilege Christianity... I want them to follow Christ because they have encountered the living Savior."

- How can we share the gospel while honoring another person's freedom to respond?

Closing Questions

Where is God calling you to defend the freedom and dignity of others—even when you disagree with their beliefs?

John Leland modeled both a fearless defense of religious liberty and a bold commitment to sharing the gospel. Which of those two areas is God calling you to grow in this week?