

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, July 6th, 2025

Series: **“Freedom in Christ”**

Message: **“The Truth Will Set You Free”**

Sermon Text: **John 8:31-38**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 119:41-48**; New Testament Text: **2 Corinthians 3:7-18**. Read **John 8:31-38** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. To whom is Jesus speaking in this passage? (John 8:31)
2. What does it mean to *abide in my word*? (John 8:31)
3. What does Jesus say about those who *abide in my word*? (John 8:31-32)
4. Read **John 14:6**. Considering what this passage says, what do you think Jesus means when He says in **John 8:32**: *you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free?*
5. From what sorts of things do you think the *truth will set you free*?
6. When the Jews say in **John 8:33**: *“We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone,”* what enslavement(s) have these people already forgotten?
7. According to **John 8:34**, what type of slavery is Jesus talking about?

8. How long do you think most slaves stayed in the master's house? (John 8:35)
9. When Jesus says in *John 8:35: the son remains forever*, what is He saying about Himself?
10. Reflecting on **John 8:36**, name some ways the Son sets us free?
11. Considering Jesus's audience, why is His statement in **John 8:37**, surprising?
12. What did Jesus know about His audience that enabled Him to say this?
13. In **John 8:38**, who is Jesus implying the Jews' father to be?
14. What will you remember most from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 119:41-48** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. In **Psalm 119:41**, what do you interpret *your steadfast love* and *your salvation* to mean?
 2. In **Psalm 119:42**, who is *him who taunts me*?
 3. In that same verse, how does what's talked about in **Ps. 119:41** provide the psalmist *an answer* for the *one who taunts him*?
 4. In **Psalm 119:43**, why do you think the psalmist is afraid to *have the word of truth snatched from his mouth (NIV)*?
 5. Is it humanly possible for the psalmist to do what he says in **Psalm 119:44**?
 6. What does **v. 44** clearly reveal about the psalmist?
 7. How does keeping God's law the best that we can enable us to *walk about in freedom*?
 8. What would inspire the psalmist *to speak of God's testimonies before kings*?
 9. How would that ensure that he *not be put to shame*?
 10. **Psalm 119:47** proclaims that the psalmist *delights in the Lord's commands* and *loves them*. What do you think the psalmist discovered about *the Lord's commands* that has allowed him to live this way?
 11. After reading **Psalm 119:48**, would you say you are living in that same place? Explain.
- II. Next read **2 Corinthians 3:7-18**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. When Paul refers to *the ministry of death* in **v. 7**, to what is he referring?
 2. How did *Moses' face* become radiant with *glory*?
 3. In **vv. 7 & 8**, what two things is Paul comparing?
 4. Why did Paul refer to the law as the *ministry of condemnation* in **v. 9**?
 5. Why does Paul refer to the New Covenant as *the ministry of righteousness*?
 6. Explain what Paul is saying in **v. 10**.
 7. In **v. 11**, *what was being brought to an end*? What happened to bring about that end?
 8. In **v. 11**, to what is Paul referring when he talks about *what is permanent*?
 9. Explain what **vv. 12-13** means to you.
 10. According to Paul in **v. 14**, what was the problem with the Jews' (Israelites') hearts?

11. Who is the only One capable of removing the veil from the Jews' eyes?
12. What is it that causes the veil to fall over the Jews' eyes?
13. What must be done for those who want to be freed from the veil?
14. According to **v. 17**, where will we find freedom?
15. What does **v. 18** mean to you?

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