

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: John 8:36

"So if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed."

Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out John 8:31-32
- Step #2: Re-write John 8:31-32 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out what you discover in this passage. List three things that Jesus wants you to know from His teaching.

Daily Meditation Reading:

- Day 1 – John 8:1-11
- Day 2 – John 8:12-30
- Day 3 – John 8:31-47
- Day 4 – John 10:1-21
- Day 5 – 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Lesson:

1. What are the three things you learn from Jesus' teaching in John 8:31-32 as you meditate on His word?

Three things I take from this verse are...

- a. *As his disciple, Jesus wants me to grab hold of the truth He has given me and hold on to it*
 - b. *If I hold on to his teaching I will know the truth and know it is the truth. I will be able to discern between the truth and the lies of Satan.*
 - c. *The truth Christ has given me will give me freedom from the lies of Satan and this world. This is the most important message in this scripture to me.*
2. Explain how holding to the teaching of Jesus can provide freedom?
As I hold to his teaching, I learn that He does not condemn me but forgive me. John 3:17, John 8:11 as a couple of examples. As I learn that I am free from condemnation and punishment, I learn what living a free life in Christ is all about.
 3. Can you say with confidence, (John 8:36) that the Son has set you free and you are free indeed?
Small Group Leaders: Allow time for people to reflect on this question. Many (and I do mean many) people live in captivity. They have not experienced the freedom Christ gives. They may have received Christ but not surrender it all over to him and now they are stuck living a life of slavery or captivity. Jesus sets us free of everything that holds us down. Sin and its chains, regrets and failures, trials and troubles, sickness and health problems, family losses, relationships destroyed, more than I can mention. Freedom in Christ brings life to its fullest and we only experience it through surrender and trust in His blood for us.
 4. If not, what is holding you back from living a life of freedom?
Let people share as they are able. Be sensitive to understand that people experience struggles in many different ways. Encouraging them to break the silence and praying together is a first step in experiencing victory.
 5. What has Jesus set you free from, that you can now use to comfort someone else? How could you use your past experience in ministry to others?
As people are able to share praises for how God has delivered them, encourage them to consider how God wants to use it to help others experience victory and freedom in Christ.