

Small Group & Personal Bible Study Lesson

Pastor Dennis Hadley

Memory Verse: John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Discovery Bible Study Exercise:

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

- Step #1: Read this week’s memory verse, John 10:10
- Step #2: Re-write in your own words John 10:10
- Step #3: Write down what you discover from this passage
- Step #4: What will you do to obey what this passage says?

Daily Reading Plan:

- Day 1: John 10: 1-18
- Day 2: John 14:1-14
- Day 3: John 14:15-31
- Day 4: John 8:12-32
- Day 5: 2 Corinthians 5:11-20

Lesson: Living the Best Life – Free and Full

1. What do you think Jesus meant in John 10:10? (Read John 1:10-18 to get the complete context)

Jesus is revealing to us that in Him, we will find the fullness of eternal life and that life is one that will begin to be fulfilling. We will find refuge in Him. We will never go hungry or thirsty in Him. He satisfies our every need and desire. He becomes our life purpose and pleasure. Jesus alone can give life to it full.

The Message says it like this, “I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

2. In John 8:31-32 Jesus says, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” What do you think He means in this statement?

Jesus is helping us understand that trusting and believing Him is trusting and believing truth. He is the Truth. John 14:6 “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me!” Jesus is the Truth and Jesus set’s us free. Free from sin and death. Free from the world and all its sinful lures and distractions. When we listen to Jesus, the Truth and choose Him and follow Him we are set free from all of those things.

3. What parallels can you find between Jesus teachings about life to its full and being set free? (See John 10:10 and John 8:32)

Jesus is showing that without Him we will never live a life of fullness and freedom. Only through believing, accepting and following Jesus will we experience the fullness and freedom in this life. Knowing I have the promise of life eternal will help me overcome the trials and challenges of the world. When I have Christ I can find fulfillment and purpose. When I have Christ I find freedom to love and worship God. I am no longer trapped in my sin and guilt but I am free and content. I now live to serve the one who saved me as my Lord!