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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

# **Discussion Guide - "What If I Could Experience Freedom?"**

# Week 2 - EXPERIENCE FREEDOM - John 8:31-36

#### Icebreakers

- Jesus' parables revealed truth. Read <u>Matthew 25: 14-30</u>. Why do we want things to be fair? Does believing God's truth change the way I think about fairness and justice?
- Freedom is positionally established and progressive. How does a relationship with God bring greater freedom?

### Grow Deeper

- Read <u>*Proverbs 4:26*</u>. The Bible has wisdom for improving relationships and navigating challenges. Share an experience where you found this to be true.
- Read <u>Genesis 2:16</u>. I can choose my sin, but I cannot choose my consequences.
  - How does knowing God intimately and actively abiding in His word change my view of sin?
- Read <u>John 8:33</u>. Ignoring the truth does not change the truth.
  - How have self-deception and the words of the enemy challenged what God said is true?
  - Do I believe God when He tells me I am the righteousness of Jesus?

## Respond

- Read <u>Acts 2: 41-42</u>. How do we find freedom by living in community?
- Read <u>John 17:17</u>. How does God's sanctification lead to freedom?
- Read <u>John 8: 31-32</u>. How can God's truth release us from bondage? (Logos + Revelation = Freedom)

#### Pray

Heavenly Father, help us to embrace freedom that only comes abiding in You. Help us claim the identity You have given us as Your adopted children. Guide us on Your path and lead us out of the wilderness of bondage.