

what if it's true?

REASONS TO BELIEVE

WEEK 6 - FREEDOM OVERVIEW

Everyone longs to be free – free to make our own choices, free to go where we want to go, free to be who we want to be. However, in our attempts to throw off the shackles of *constraints*, far too often we find ourselves wrapped in different chains. Addictions, broken relationships, spiraling selfishness... It's clear that our deep desire for freedom is not being met by trying to do things our own way. In the gospel of John, we are presented with a different invitation – to submit ourselves to the freedom offered by Jesus. Not a freedom *from* constraints (Jesus asks a lot of his followers!), but freedom *for* a purpose beyond ourselves. Freedom from slavery to sin and selfishness. Freedom to live fully accepted by God and to become exactly who he created us to be.

If the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

John 8:36

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt stuck or trapped by something you couldn't get out of? If you are comfortable, share about that with your group.
2. Read [John 8:31-36](#).
 - a. What is the difference between believing in Jesus and truly being a disciple of Jesus?
 - b. Describe how the truth could set someone free. (See also [John 1:18](#) and [John 14:6](#).)
 - c. Why did the believers say they were descendants of Abraham?
 - d. What kinds of sin could enslave someone?
3. Why is Jesus the road to freedom? (See [Galatians 3:22](#).)
4. What is *true freedom*? Have you experienced true freedom?
5. Amy asked us each to process the questions below. Has anything been revealed to you as you have been processing? How could your group pray for you?
 - a. Who is calling the shots in your life?
 - b. What are you bound by?
 - c. What sin pattern in your life is enslaving you?
 - d. Are you ready to experience true freedom?