

The Word Sets Us Free

WEEK 4

WARM-UP

- When you want to relax or release stress, what do you do?
- Name someone you trust. When did you discover you could trust him or her? How did it make you feel?
- Have you ever felt trapped in a situation and then you found yourself free of it? How did that happen?

WORD

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **JOHN 8:31-32**

Jesus called upon the Jews to believe in Him, or they would die in their sins. Many put their belief in Him that day. However, even if they were freed from slavery to sin by believing in Him, Jesus knew living as free people, not as slaves, would be a journey for them. It would take abiding, growing, and trusting God. In this lesson, we will look at how Christians can live and experience freedom as Jesus' disciples.

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31 So in m truta Whe wor accoblin	e Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the h" JOHN 8:31-32 en we believe in and trust Jesus, we can abide in His and by faith. Our assurance from Jesus is that when we act ording to His word, we will know the truth. We will not fly ad or act without understanding. Was there a time you are according to God's word, and it opened your eyes to

3 Those who know the truth will experience freedom.

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How can we as Jesus' disciples experience freedom? When we believe in Him and abide in His word, Jesus assures us that we will know the truth. Through this truth, we will experience freedom. Why is freedom not possible without knowing the truth? How has knowing the truth set you free?

APPLICATION

- Have you come to a place of believing and trusting in Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Would you like to put your faith in Him today?
- What does it mean for you to abide in God's word? Is there any part of your life that you are not yet living in accordance with His word? What can you do differently beginning this week?
- Do you have family members or friends you need to share God's truth and freedom with? How can you open the conversation with them this week?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His Son and His word. Thank Him for freeing us from slavery to sin.
- Pray that you will continuously abide in His word day by day.
 Pray that He will continually keep His word in your heart and call it to mind.
- Ask God for opportunities to share His truth and freedom with your family members and friends this week. Pray for the right words to use to open the conversation.

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