

- Jesus is the only _____ who sets us completely _____.
 31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 "But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, 'You will be set free'?"
 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. 35 A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. 37 Yes, I realize that you are descendants of Abraham. And yet some of you are trying to kill me because there's no room in your hearts for my message. 38 I am telling you what I saw when I was with my Father. But you are following the advice of your father." John 8:31-38

Different kinds of truth:

- A truth: What _____ be true.
- My truth: What _____ to be true.
 I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6
- The truth: What _____ says to be _____.

Truths about the Truth that frees us:

- Freedom begins when we _____ in the truth, not just _____ with it.
 If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples. John 8:31
 "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22
- The truth that sets you free will first expose the _____ you're living.
 You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32
 We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves to anyone. John 8:33
- Sin maintains its power through _____, not just desire.
 Everyone who sins is a slave to sin. John 8:34
 We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with. Romans 6:6
- Jesus doesn't just _____ the truth; He is the truth.
 If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36
 "Before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:58
- The lie that binds you will always _____ the truth that can free you.
 "You belong to your father, the devil... there is no truth in him." John 8:44
 "We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5

How to abide:

- Spend _____ with Jesus.
- Allow the truth of Jesus to _____ you.
- Make _____ truth be _____ truth.

Addition Notes:



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

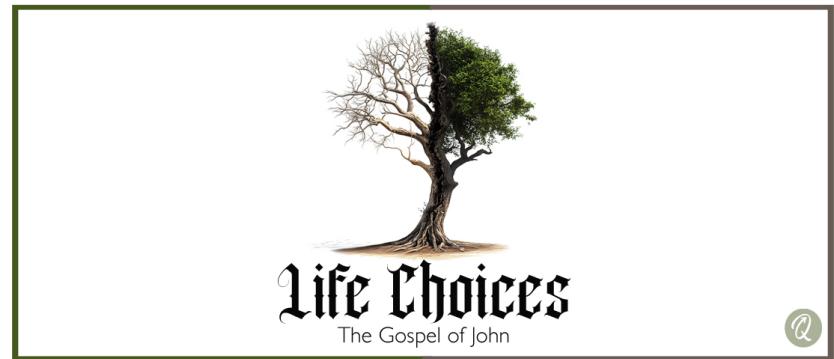
These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- When you hear the word freedom, what comes to mind—emotionally or spiritually?
- Why do you think so many Christians genuinely love Jesus yet still struggle with ongoing sin?
- In John 8:31–32, Jesus says freedom comes from abiding in His word. What do you think "abiding" means practically—not just spiritually?
- Why do you think the religious leaders were so resistant to Jesus' claim that they were enslaved, even though they were clearly under Roman rule?
- Have you ever believed you were "free" in an area of your life only to later realize you were actually bound?
- Why do you think belief in Jesus does not always automatically lead to freedom from sin?
- In the Talk, Dave mentioned that sin maintains power through deception. What are some common lies Christians believe that keep them stuck?
- Which lie resonates most with you personally right now? (Examples: "This is just who I am," "I'll never change," "I need this to cope.")
- What's the difference between agreeing with Jesus and abiding in Jesus?
- In your daily life, what makes it hardest to remain in Jesus' truth consistently?
- What spiritual habits help you stay close to Jesus rather than just informed about Him?
- Jesus says slaves don't remain in the house, but sons do (John 8:35). How does understanding your identity as a child of God change how you fight sin?
- How does knowing Jesus is the Truth, not just a truth, challenge the idea of "my truth" or personal truth?
- What would it look like for truth—not emotion, habit, or culture—to have authority in one specific area of your life?
- How can this group help one another move from hidden struggle to honest freedom?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to abide more deeply in Jesus' truth?

Opportunities to experience community:



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