

Light & Life - The Book Of John
“The Truth Will Set You Free” John 8:31-59
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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1. What Does It Mean To Be A Disciple Of Jesus?

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to **my teaching**, you are really **my disciples**. ³² Then you will know the **truth**, and **the truth will set you free**." ³³ They answered him, "**We are Abraham's descendants** and have never been slaves of anyone. **How can you say that we shall be set free?**"

John 8:31-33 (NIV)

2. Am I Being Set Free By The Word Of God?

³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, **everyone who sins is a slave to sin**. ³⁵ Now **a slave has no permanent place in the family**, but a **son belongs to it forever**.

³⁶ **So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.** John 8:34-36 (NIV)

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a **wise man** who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and **does not put them into practice** is like a **foolish man** who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." **Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)**

3. What Truth Am I Being Known For?

³⁷ I know you are Abraham's **descendants**. Yet you are **ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word**. ³⁸ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father." ³⁹ "Abraham is our father," they answered. "**If you were Abraham's children**," said Jesus, "**then you would do the things Abraham did**." ⁴⁰ As it is, **you are determined to kill me**, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. **Abraham did not do such things**. ⁴¹ You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

John 8:37-41 (NIV)

⁴² Jesus said to them, "**If God were your Father, you would love me**, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ **You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire**."

He was a **murderer** from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for **he is a liar** and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ⁴⁶ **Can any of you prove me guilty of sin?** If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷ **He who belongs to God hears what God says.** The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." **John 8:42-47 (NIV)**

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a **Samaritan and demon-possessed?**" ⁴⁹ "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but **I honor my Father and you dishonor me.**" ⁵⁰ I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ **I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.**" ⁵² At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. **Who do you think you are?"** ⁵⁴ Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. **My Father**, whom you claim as your God, **is the one who glorifies me.**" ⁵⁵ Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do **know him and keep his word.** **John 8:48-55 (NIV)**

⁵⁶ Your father **Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day;** he saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ **"You are not yet fifty years old,"** the Jews said to him, **"and you have seen Abraham!"** ⁵⁸ **"I tell you the truth,"** Jesus answered, **"before Abraham was born, I am!"** ⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. **John 8:56-59 (NIV)**

- Is my truth under the authority of God's truth?
- Am I being set free by the word of God?

My next right step, I will:

- [] Surrender my life to Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- [] Take Surviving the Holidays class - Nov. 12
- [] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism

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Small Group Leader: Choose how many questions that will honor your time commitment. Encourage everyone to participate in either a question, reading or prayer. If using this as a family, choose 2 -3 questions to go deeper in faith.

Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: Where did your ancestors come from?

Who is one of your more colorful characters in your family tree?

1. What Does It Mean To Be A Disciple Of Jesus?

Read John 8:31-33

What does He mean by disciples? V. 31

Truth?

Freedom?

What is Jesus claiming?

What does Jesus want to emphasize to the people who believed in Him? V. 31-32

2. Am I Being Set Free By The Word Of God?

Read John 8:31-36

What false assumptions confuse the issue of spiritual freedom for Abraham's descendants?

How does Jesus undermine their base of confidence?

Read Matthew 7:24-27

What steps help you to put God's Word into practice?

3. What Truth Am I Being Known For?

Read John 8:37-41

How does Jesus undermine their claim in verses 41-47?

What does he say is the ultimate test that someone belongs to God? V. 42, 47

Why does Jesus continue to address his relationship with the Father?

Read through each of these claims by Jesus and describe how they define who Jesus is and how they apply to you.

John 8:31-32

John 8:36

John 8:42

John 8:46-47

John 8:51

John 8:58

Close in prayer.