



Loved what you heard on Sunday?  
Want to go deeper? The life group  
study guide will help you unpack  
what you heard on Sunday while  
diving deeper into God's word.

1. This week we learned about freedom. When or where do you feel most free in life?
2. If Pastor Jason had to give an abbreviated version of the message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?
3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: There is such a thing as too much freedom?
4. The bible is filled with verses on freedom. This week we will study a few of those verses.
  - a. Read Galatians 5:1 and 13-14. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.
  - b. Read 1 Peter 2:13-17. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.
  - c. Read John 8:1-11 and 36. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

5. How do these verses confirm or challenge your views on freedom? What do these verses teach us about God's view of freedom?

### **Digging Deeper**

6. On Sunday Jason spoke on how fear robs us of freedom. What things in your life rob you of freedom or return you to slavery? What changes do you need to make to experience freedom?
7. Jesus reconciled us to God by his sacrifice on the cross giving us the ability to experience freedom. Is there anyone in your life that God is asking you to reconcile with so that they and you can experience deeper freedom?

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**Matthew 4: 21-22 (ESV)** Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

**1 Peter 2:21 (NIV)** "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps..."

**I AM CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS.**

**What does it look like to follow in Jesus' footsteps today?**

**AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS I AM CALLED TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 4:18-21 (NIV)** <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

### **3 PLACES OF FREEDOM WHEN I FOLLOW JESUS:**

**John 4:7-13 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

#### **1. FREEDOM FROM CONDEMNATION**

**John 4:10-13** <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."...<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

- **Jesus calls me to freedom from condemnation with an offer of RELATIONSHIP.**

**Romans 8:1 (ESV)** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

- **Jesus calls me to freedom from condemnation with an example of RECONCILIATION.**

#### **2. FREEDOM FROM FEAR.**

**John 4:16-18,23-26** <sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." <sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." ...<sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

- **Jesus calls me to freedom from fear by invading my fears with HIS LOVE.**

**1 John 4:18 (MESSAGE)** There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.

#### **3. FREEDOM FROM MEDIOCRITY.**

**John 4:39-42** <sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."