

The Gospel Truth

January 24-25

"The Truth Will Set You Free"

1. TRUTH DOESN'T RESTRICT FREEDOM, IT MAXIMIZES IT!

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," (John 8:31-32 NASB).

31 "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," (John 8:31-32 ESV).

μένω (menō)

To remain; abide; continually; endure; not to depart

γινώσκω (ginōskō)

To learn to know; understand; perceive

2. "FREEDOM" WITHOUT TRUTH EVENTUALLY ENSLAVES.

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?"

34 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin," (John 8:33-34).

3. LIVE FREE AS A CHILD OF GOD.

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 8:35-36 NIV).

Group Discussion Questions:

1. We talked about dating truth vs. abiding in truth. How do you see this tension show up in your own life? Are there signs you are merely engaging with truth occasionally rather than living in it consistently?
2. Jesus says that whoever sins is a slave to sin. When you think about your daily life, habits, thoughts, reactions, and priorities, what are some things that have the strongest pull on you right now? Are there things in your life that promise freedom but actually limit?
3. Jesus doesn't just forgive us or set us free, He adopts us into God's family. How are you walking in your status as a child of God?