



ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST

Jesus' Life in the Gospel of John

Digging Deeper Week 4 How Christ Sets Me Free

OVERVIEW:

Looking back over your notes from last weekend, what most often hinders you from experiencing freedom in Christ?

READ JOHN 8

DIGGING DEEPER VIDEO OBSERVATIONS:

In John 8 we see a series of contrasts-- beginning with a story of contrast:

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| 1. | Grace and Law- | John 8:1-11 |
| 2. | Light and Darkness- | John 8:12-20 |
| 3. | Life and Death- | John 8:21-30 |
| 4. | Freedom and Bondage- | John 8:31-47 |
| 5. | Honor and Dishonor- | John 8:48-59 |

Let's go deeper into the verses that precede the section of John 8 we studied in the weekend services.

INSIGHT: If you never face the truth about who you _____, it's difficult to hear God's truth about what you _____.

Jesus clearly communicated three things to the woman. If we want to **find** and **enjoy** His forgiveness we need to take them to heart as well.

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

- Don't be overly _____ about your sin... you're not alone
- Don't be overly _____ about your sin... you're not alone

YOU'RE NOT CONDEMNED.

Webster's defines "Condemned" as "useless, empty, ready for destruction."

- You were not built to be condemned!
- Condemnation is not the _____ for sin, it is the punishment for sin.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1
For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. John 3:17

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

- **JESUS DOES NOT CONDEMN SIN.**
- **JESUS DOES NOT _____ SIN.**
- **JESUS _____ SIN.**

During the feast of Tabernacles 4 huge candelabras were placed in the court of women in the temple. These lamps were kept burning all 8 days of the festival to remind the people of the pillar of fire which had guided them in the wilderness. This is the third image of God's provision to Israel wandering in the wilderness that Jesus has said foreshadowed him. The first, manna in Chapter 6, second, the water from the rock in Chapter 7 and third, the pillar of fire here in Chapter 8.

**There is only ONE answer to darkness... Light!
Jesus is the light. Not a light, not one light... but THE Light!**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does the story of the woman at the beginning of John 8 impact you?
2. What can you learn about Jesus from his response to the woman?
3. What can you learn about Jesus from his response to the Pharisees?
4. Do you tend to condemn yourself or excuse yourself when caught in sin?
5. Look back over your notes from last weekend. What most often hinders you from experiencing freedom in Christ?
6. What truth did you learn that can help you live in freedom this week? How will you apply that to your life?
7. (Share if you feel comfortable) Think about your life right now. In what way(s) are you feeling enslaved by sin? How has that impacted your daily life?
8. Read John 8:39-44 & Galatians 5:22-26. What truth was Jesus trying to teach the Jews in this passage? How does this apply to your life?
9. Think about yesterday. What would you say the fruit of your day was?
10. Spend some time thinking about the legacy (fruit) you want to leave. Write down three choices you can make each day that will demonstrate your freedom in Christ. Share them with the group.
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 - 2.
 - 3.
11. Where are you still arguing with Jesus over His lordship in your life?